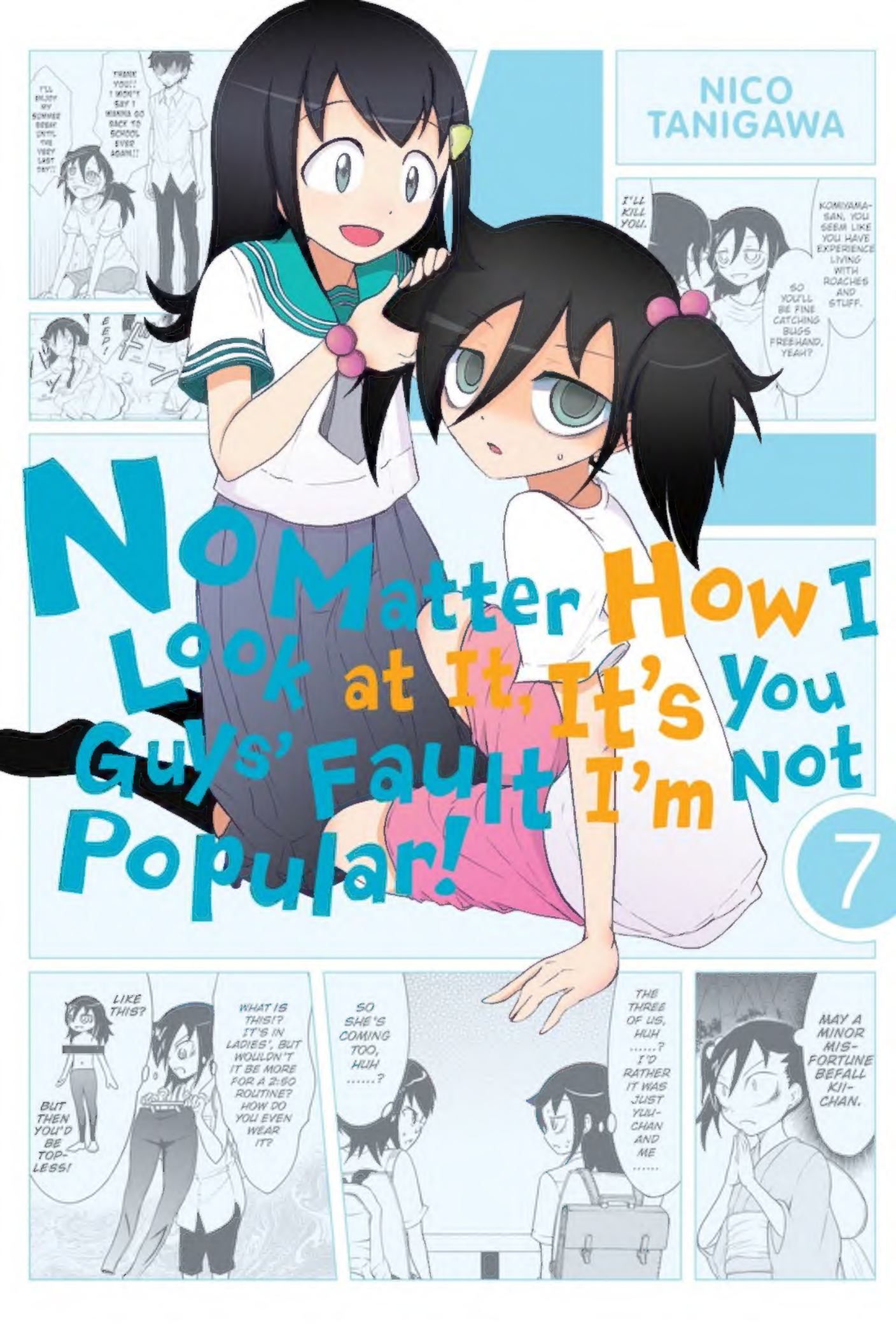
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I'LL ENJOY MY SUMMER BREAK UNTIL THE VERY LAST DAY!!
THANK YOU!! I WON'T SAY I WANNA GO BACK TO SCHOOL EVER AGAIN!!
I'LL KILL YOU.
KOMIYAMA-SAN, YOU SEEM LIKE YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE LIVING WITH ROACHES AND STUFF.
SO YOU'LL BE FINE CATCHING BUGS FREEHAND, YEAH?
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LIKE THIS?
BUT THEN YOU'D BE TOP-LESS!
WHAT IS THIS!? IT'S IN LADIES', BUT WOULDN'T IT BE MORE FOR A 2:50 ROUTINE? HOW DO YOU EVEN WEAR IT?
SO SHE'S COMING TOO, HUH .....?
THE THREE OF US, HUH .....? I'D RATHER IT WAS JUST YUU-CHAN AND ME .....
MAY A MINOR MIS-FORTUNE BEFALL KII-CHAN.

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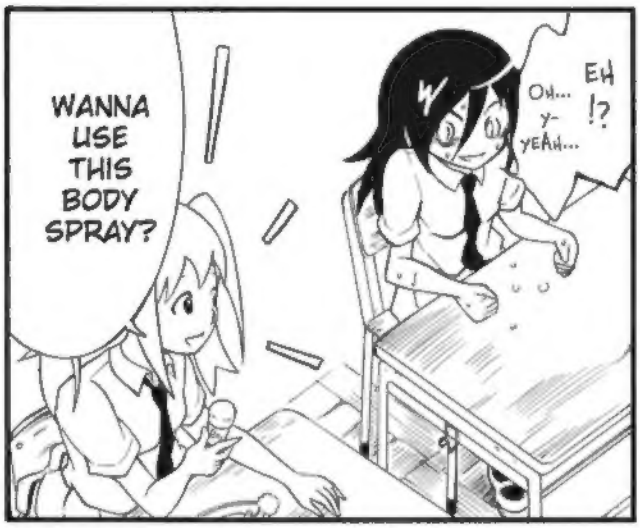
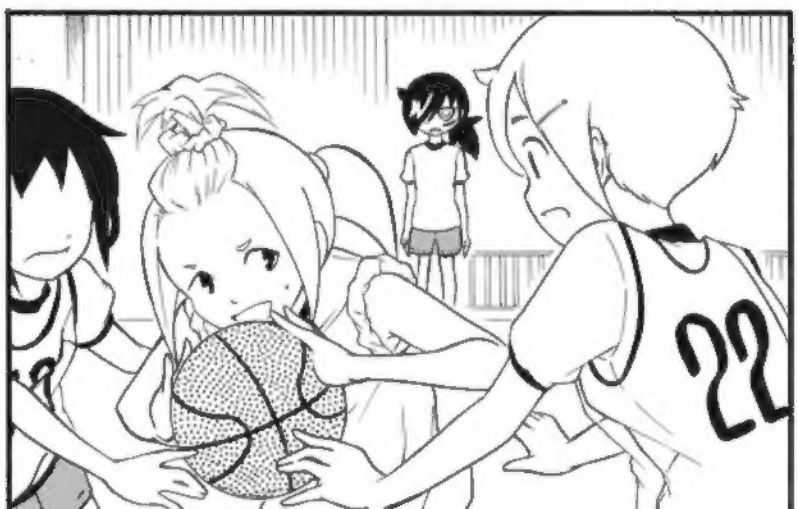
POLE: SCHOOL ROUTE

WHEN I RANDOMLY TURNED ON THE TV THIS MORNING, THERE WAS THIS ANIME SHOWING...
I'M RAINBOW DASH!
...AND I JUST ENDED UP WATCHING TO THE END, SO...
IT'S ALL THAT PONY'S FAULT!


WANNA USE THIS BODY SPRAY?
EH!?
OH... Y-YEAH...

KUROKI-SAN, YOU SURE ARE SWEATING A LOTTT!
WHAT'S UP WITH BROADCASTING ANIME IN THAT TIME SLOT ANYWAY? WATCHING IT WOULD MAKE EVEN A GRADE-SCHOOLER LATE!

EH!?
YOU SUUURE? OH! BUT I GUESS WE HAVE GYM NEXT PERIOD, SO YOU'LL JUST GET SWEATY ALL OVER AGAIN!
BUT I'M FINE. I-I'LL DRY OFF SOON...
TH...
THANK YOU.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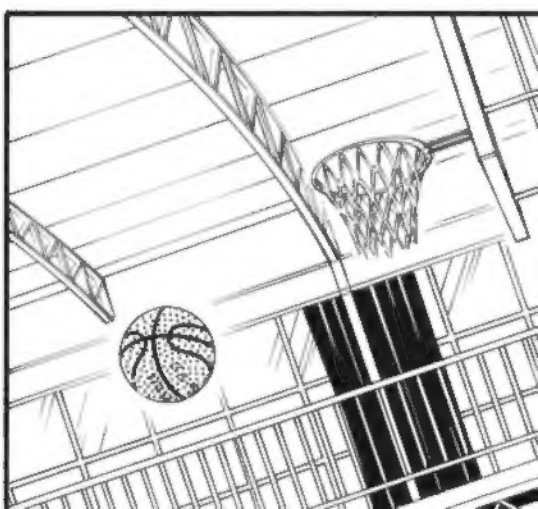

EH!!?
PASS!
BASKET-BALL IN THE GYM IN JULY... IS THAT TEACHER OUTTA HER MIND?
IONITE PASS KAI!!
THE BALL'S POINT OF ORIGIN AND MY TEAM-MATE'S POSITION... MEANS I CAN DO THAT!
OVER HERE! OVER HERE!
DO (DOOM)
ZUKI (THROB)
ZUKI
ZUKI
KOKI (CRUNCH)
SA (RUSH)
HEY! WHAT'D YOU DO THAT FOR!?

SINCE MY WRIST HURT BAD ENOUGH TO MAKE ME BREAK OUT IN A COLD SWEAT, I WAS SURE I-BROKE IT.
THANK GOODNESS I GOT OFF WITH JUST A SLIGHT SPRAIN...

AFTER GYM AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, THE STENCH OF BODY SPRAY IS UNAVOIDABLE...
NO WAY. I'LL RUN OUT DOUBLE-QUICK IF I LEND IT AROUND.
SHUUU
LET ME USE THAT TOO.

MAN, IT'S HOT!
SHUUU (SPRAY)
LOOKS LIKE I CAN EVEN HOLD A PEN OKAY.

GATA (CLATTER)

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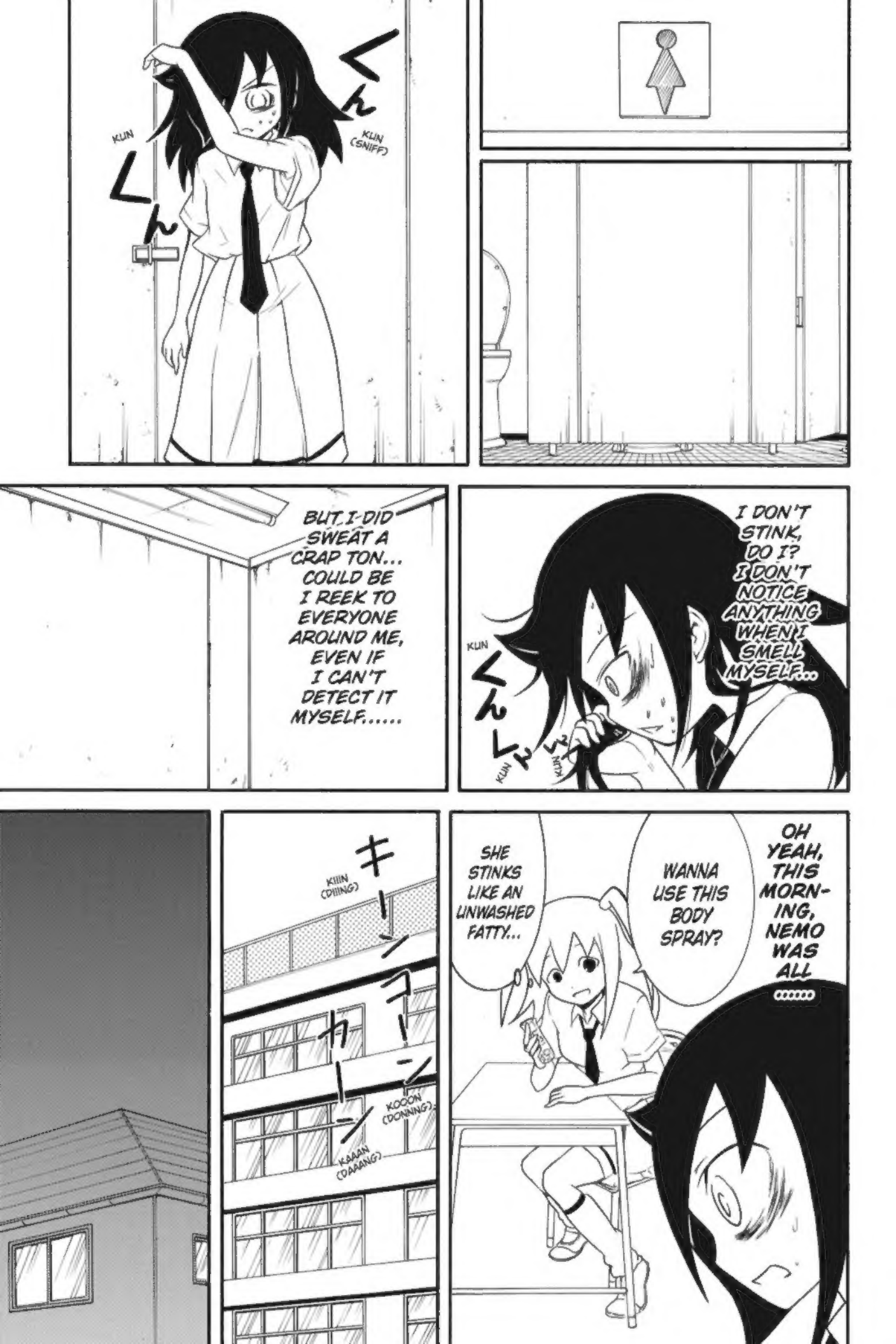
GIRLS ARE ONE THING, BUT BOYS SHOULDN'T FUSS SO MUCH ABOUT EVERY LITTLE BODILY ODOR!


KUN
KUN (SNIFF)
KUN
BUT I DID SWEAT A CRAP TON... COULD BE I REEK TO EVERYONE AROUND ME, EVEN IF I CAN'T DETECT IT MYSELF.....
I DON'T STINK, DO I? I DON'T NOTICE ANYTHING WHEN I SMELL MYSELF...
KUN
KUN
KIIIN (PIIING)
KOOON (DONNNG)
KAAAN (DAAANG)
OH YEAH, THIS MORNING, NEMO WAS ALL .....
WANNA USE THIS BODY SPRAY?
SHE STINKS LIKE AN UNWASHED FATTY...

DON'T COME IN HERE WHEN-EVER YOU FEEL LIKE IT.
IT'S NOT YOUR ROOM.
!
GARA (SHNNK)
ガラ
WHAT IS WITH YOU?
ISN'T THE ROOM FILLED WITH THE HORRID STENCH, WORSE THAN A PILE OF PUKE, OF A HOPELESS, TRASHY, FRIENDLESS, MANLESS, SWEATY WOMAN?
YOU ASKIN' FOR A FIGHT?
DOESN'T IT KINDA STINK IN HERE?
LIKE HELL I WILL
IT'S OKAY. YOU CAN SNIFF ME IF YOU WANT.
DON'T NOTICE ANY STINK.
EH!?
I'VE INTENTIONALLY BEEN WAITING IN MY SWEAT-SOAKED UNIFORM, SO GO ON, GIVE IT TO ME STRAIGHT. LEMME HEAR YOU SAY, "MY BIG SISTER CAN'T BE THIS STINKY"...
?

SHE'S SUCH A PAIN. IT'S ABOUT TIME I KICKED HER OUT...
"WHAT A STINKY WOMAN" !!
DON'T BE HALF-ASSED AND TRY TO GO AROUND THE SUBJECT BY HANDING ME DEODORANT OR LYING ABOUT IT! SAY IT LOUD AND CLEAR!
NO, YOU JUST SIMPLY DIS-GUST ME.
I KNEW IT! YOU DO TOO THINK I STINK!
THE HELL ...?
GROSS .....
NOW I FEEL LIKE LISTENING TO THE SOUND FILE I MADE BEFORE OF THAT VOICE ACTOR SAYING, "YOU STINKY, UGLY SOW."
?
OH ...!
NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ...
HUH!? YOU KNOW ABOUT IT, RIGHT? I MEAN, YOU OVER-HEARD ME LAST YEAR.
REMEMBER? DURING SUMMER BREAK?
LIKE I EVER WANTED TO KNOW IN THE FIRST PLACE.
JUST FOR-GET IT!!
WHAT EXACTLY DID SHE OVER-HEAR!?
ACK...! IT WAS MOM WHO OVER-HEARD ME.....

I'M SURE GIRLS WHO SMELL NICE ARE MORE POPULAR THAN GIRLS WHO STINK...
PEOPLE LIKE YUU-CHAN SMELL SO NICE .....
...I'LL TRY TO BE A BIT MORE AWARE OF IT FROM NOW ON.
IN THE END, I STILL DON'T REALLY KNOW. MY OWN BODY ODOR, BUT...
IF I USE THIS—!
IT'S THE PERFUME YUU-CHAN GAVE ME BEFORE.
I KNOW!
GATA (CLATTER)
YUU-CHAN
FUWA (DREAMY)
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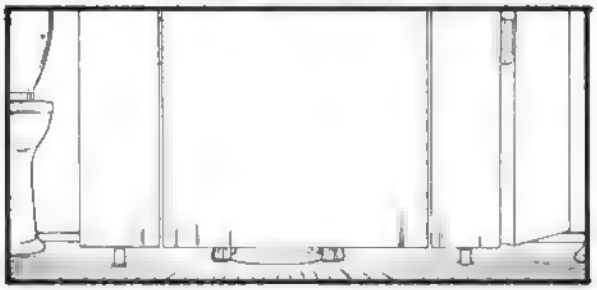
SHU (SPRAY)

IT'S ANOTHER HOT DAY.....
BUT I'VE GOT MY SECRET WEAPON ...!



THE NEXT DAY
じと
JITO (DAMP)

KOSHI
KOSHI
KOSHI
KOSHI (RUB)
KOSHI
KOSHI

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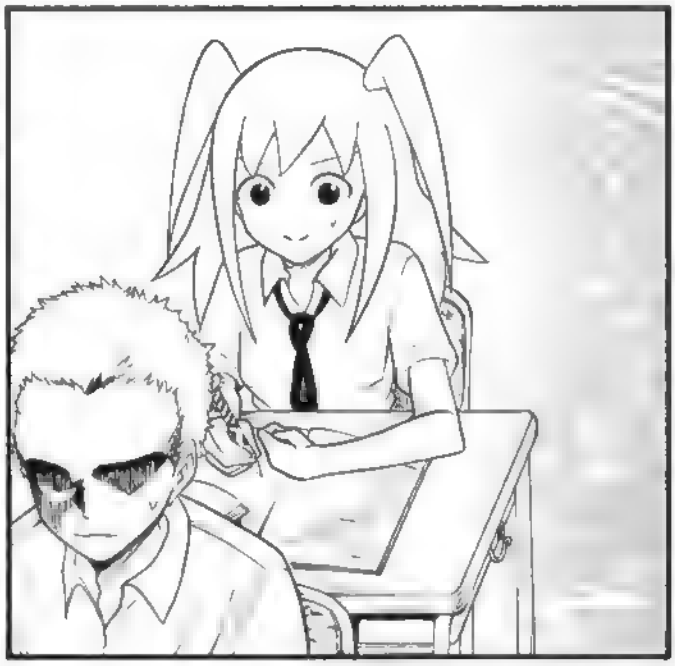


HEH-HEH-HEH! EVEN AFTER GYM, I SMELL ONLY OF PERFUME.
SHU (SPRAY)

TEKU (TROT)
TEKU

I'M GONNA GO TAKE A LEAK BEFORE I LEAVE.
SURE.

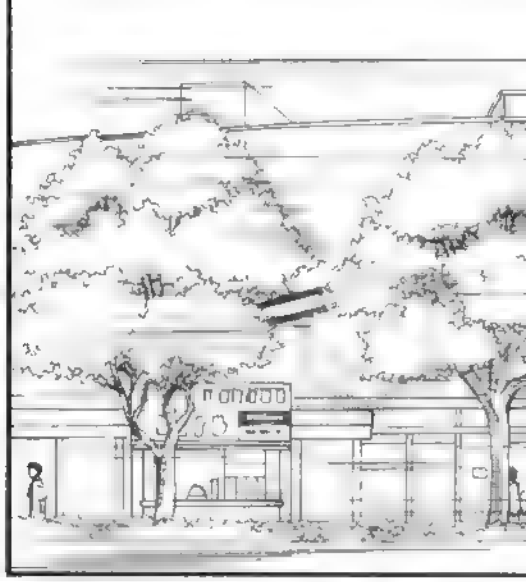
JUST SO YOU KNOW, YOU TOTALLY REEK.

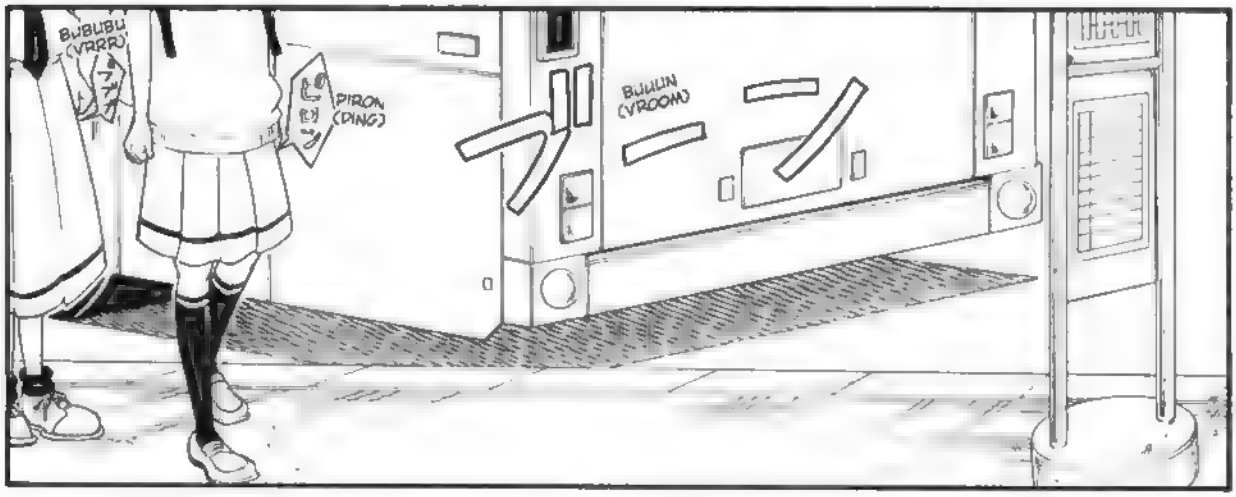
No Matter How I Look at It, It's You Guys' Fault I'm Not Popular!

Third-years, I believe this time off is make-or-break for your entrance exams. Strive to stay focused until the very end—
Tomorrow marks the start of summer break. First- and second-years, please refrain from laziness during the long vacation and throw yourselves into your studies and club activities.
I pray that all you students spend your time meaningfully during this summer break.
WAIT, WHAT? IS THIS THE FINALS? KOSHIEN?
NAH, JUST TOP 16 OR SOMETHING.
FOR REAL!? WHAT A PAIN!
I HEAR IF THE BASEBALL TEAM WINS TOMORROW, THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY HAS TO GO CHEER AT THEIR NEXT GAME.
AND SO BEGINS MY SECOND SUMMER BREAK... AS A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT.....

FAIL 57: I'M NOT POPULAR, SO I'LL START MY SECOND SUMMER BREAK.

WHAT'LL WE DO FOR THIS YEAR'S FIRE-WORKS?
THE CROWDS SUCKED LAST YEAR.
OH!
OH ...!
UHH... SHALL WE RIDE TOGETH-ER...?
UHH... 'KAY...




BUBUBU (VRRR)
PIRON (DING)
BUUUN (VROOM)

I KNOW. I GOT ONE TOO.
SHE'S ALREADY THERE, SHE SAYS.

YOU CAME HERE TOGETHER, DIDN'T YOU!?
YES, WELL...
STARTURIS COFFEE
S
O-OH YEAH... SURE, THAT WOULD BE OKAY...
WELL, WE PROMISED WE'D ALL GET TOGETHER AND HANG OUT LAST TIME, SO .....
OH ...
BUT MAYBE NOT?
EH!!?
SO WHERE SHOULD WE GO THIS SUMMER?
JURURURU (SLURRRP)
WELL, MAKING PLANS FOR SUMMER BREAK AT A CAFÉ ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM IS A NICE, NORMAL HIGH SCHOOL GIRL THING TO DO AND ALL, BUT .....
SO SHE'S COMING TOO, HUH .....?
THE THREE OF US, HUH .....? I'D RATHER IT WAS JUST YUU-CHAN AND ME .....

SIGN: HOTEL NANGOKU

HUH? THERE'S NOTHING IN PARTICULAR THAT I WANNA DO OVER SUMMER BREAK... BUT IT WAS FUN WHEN LIL' BRO AND I WENT CATCHING BUGS AS KIDS...
.....BUGS!?
HMM, LET'S SEE...

OH NO, YOU DON'T KEEP THEM ...
UMM... IF WE DID CATCH BUGS, WOULD THEY BE TOUGH TO KEEP AS PETS, YOU THINK ...?
YEAH... NO... WE'RE NOT LITTLE KIDS, YOU KNOW .....!?

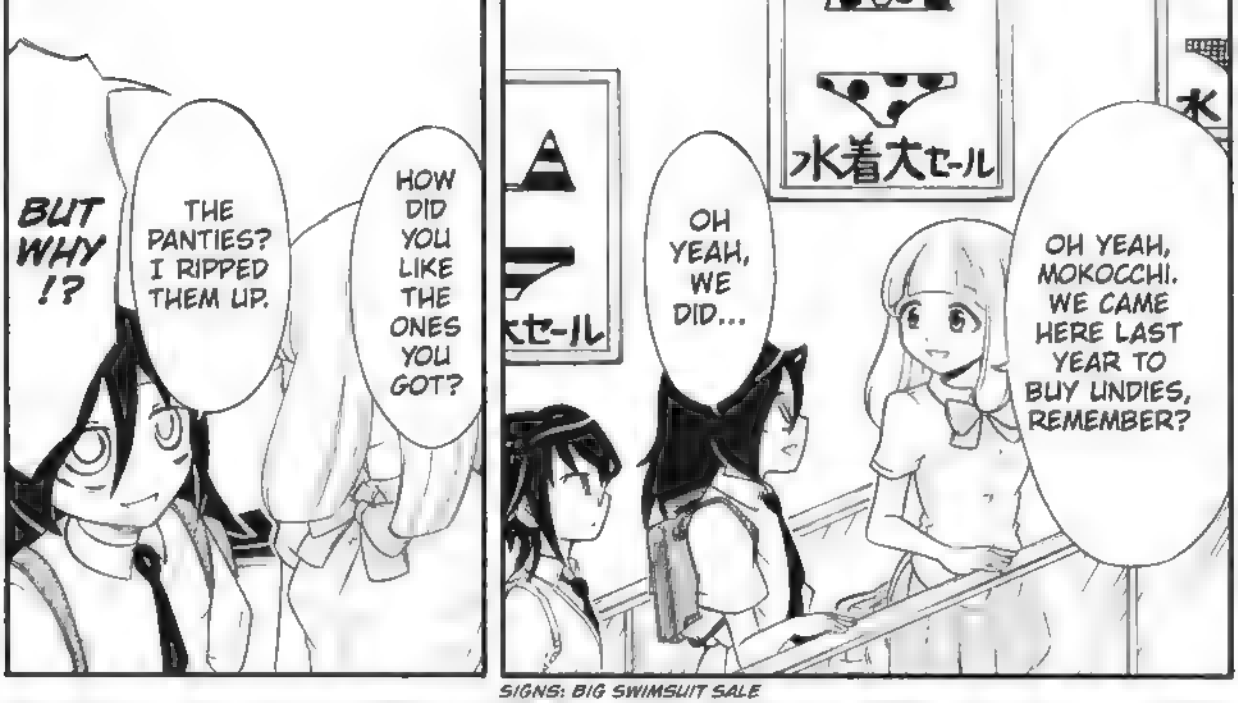
YOU COLLECT A BUNCH OF BUGS TOGETHER AND LET THEM EAT EACH OTHER.

...AND IF YOU WAIT A WHILE, THE BUGS'LL TURN ALL CANNIBAL AND START EATING EACH OTHER...
KASA
KASA
KASA
KASA
KASA
KASA
KASA (RUSTLE)
GASA
GASA (SKITTER)
PEKI
PEKI (CRUNCH)
YOU STUFF A SUITABLE CONTAINER FULL OF ALL KINDS OF BUGS...
THIS MAGIC SPELL CALLED "KODOKU" CAME UP IN A BOOK I WAS JUST READING, SEE?

SINCE IT'S SUMMER, THE PICKINGS WILL BE GREAT. AND IF WE'RE GONNA DO SOMETHING WITH ALL THREE OF US, IT'D BE MORE FUN WITH A GOAL IN MIND.

IT SAID IF YOU BURY OR RELEASE IT AT SOMEONE'S HOUSE, THE RESIDENTS'LL MEET WITH MISFORTUNE.
THE LAST REMAINING SURVIVOR IS S'POSED TO HAVE SOME KINDA SPIRITUAL POWER.
SOMEONE'S YARD
WASA (SQUIRM)
WASA
WASA
BASHI
BASHI (THWP)

KOMI-CHAN'S ON BOARD!? WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
DUNNO, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THE MORE, THE BETTER.
HOW MANY WOULD WE NEED?
BUGS, I MEAN.
MOKO-CCHI, UM, YOU KNOW ...
...I'M NOT REALLY GOOD WITH INSECTS AND STUFF .....
SO, ABOUT THAT .....
IT'D BE FUN WITH ALL THREE OF US GOING!
THE BEACH, HUH.....? HAVEN'T BEEN SINCE ELEMEN-TARY SCHOOL ...
ME NEITHER ...
OH! WHAT ABOUT SOMEPLACE LIKE THE BEACH?
IF THIS KEEPS UP, I'LL BE STUCK CHASING AFTER BUGS.
THE BEACH?
PALGO
PALGO
W-WELL...
ME TOO...
BUT ALL I HAVE IS MY MIDDLE SCHOOL SWIMSUIT.
I'D LOVE TO SEE HOW YOU TWO LOOK IN BATHING SUITS!
...THEY'RE HAVING A SALE NEAR HERE, SO LET'S GO CHECK IT OUT.


BUT WHY!?
THE PANTIES? I RIPPED THEM UP.
HOW DID YOU LIKE THE ONES YOU GOT?
OH YEAH, WE DID...
OH YEAH, MOKOCCHI. WE CAME HERE LAST YEAR TO BUY UNDIES, REMEMBER?
水着大セール

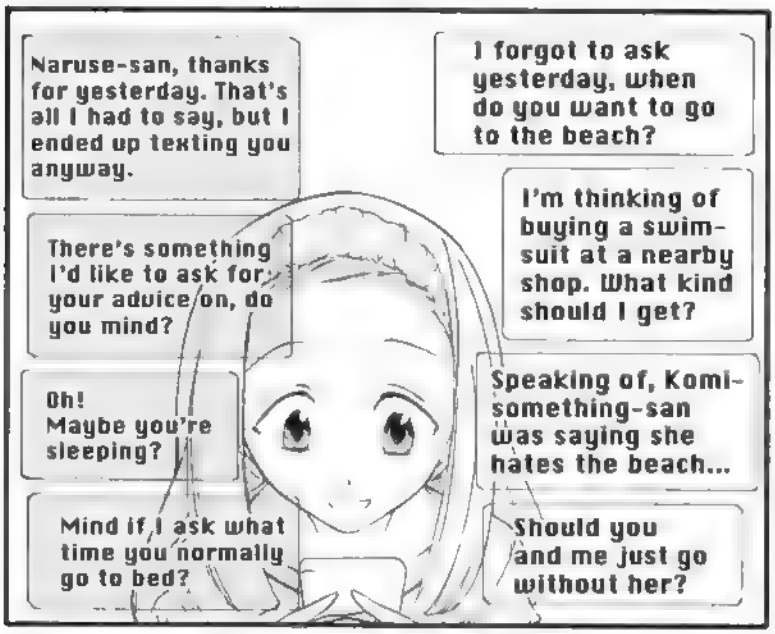
SIGNS: BIG SWIMSUIT SALE

WELL, PEOPLE COSPLAY THERE AND SELL BOOKS TOGETHER AND STUFF. SOUNDS FUN.
?
BOOKS ...?
THAT KIND OF EVENT'S INSANELY CROWDED, HOT, STINKY, AND TOO LOUD TO HEAR ANYTHING BUT YOUR OWN VOICE.
HUNH?
COMI-KET?
OH...! UM... I'D MAYBE LIKE TO TRY GOING TO COMIKET .....
BOSO (MURMUR)
STILL, EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT IT COMES FROM THE NET. I'VE NEVER GONE MYSELF, SO I'M KINDA INTERESTED TOO...
I-I WAS ALSO THINKING I'D BE UP FOR CHECKING IT OUT IF I HAD SOMEONE TO GO WITH...
MAYBE THE TWO OF THEM WILL GO BUG CATCHING AND TO THAT COMIKET THING TOGETH-ER...
MAYBE WE WON'T GO TO THE BEACH AFTER ALL...
NEITHER OF THEM TRIED ON SWIM-SUITS...

I BET SINCE THEY'RE GOING TO THE SAME SCHOOL, THEY'LL BECOME CLOSE FRIENDS NOW?
I'M GLAD TO SEE THEM GETTING ALONG, BUT I FEEL A BIT LEFT OUT...
DON (BOOM)
OH! THE FIRE-WORKS WERE TODAY...
DON
THEY'RE SMALL, BUT WE CAN STILL SEE THEM FROM HERE.
DON
...NA-RUSE-SAN, THANKS FOR INVITING ME TODAY.
EH?
DON
IF YOU HADN'T INVITED ME TODAY AND OVER SUMMER BREAK, I'D JUST BE STAYING HOME ALL ALONE.
DOOON
KOMI-CHAN ...
WHEN-EVER YOU'RE FREE, SEND ME LOTS OF TEXTS!
I WILL. THANKS.
WELL, I'M GONNA BE BUSY, BUT I CAN TEXT YOU AT LEAST, YUU-CHAN.
SURE! SEND ME A BUNCH TOO, MOKO-CCHI!
WHAT AM I DOING, GETTING ALL DOWN BY MYSELF...? SINCE IT'S SUMMER BREAK, IT DOESN'T MATTER THAT WE'RE NOT SCHOOLMATES. IT'D BE NICE IF I COULD BECOME BETTER FRIENDS WITH THEM BOTH...
DO BAM

BUUU

BUUU (RRRR)
SUM-MER BREAK
BUUU


Naruse-san, thanks for yesterday. That's all I had to say, but I ended up texting you anyway.
There's something I'd like to ask for your advice on, do you mind?
Oh! Maybe you're sleeping?
Mind if I ask what time you normally go to bed?
I forgot to ask yesterday, when do you want to go to the beach?
I'm thinking of buying a swim-suit at a nearby shop. What kind should I get?
Speaking of, Komi-something-san was saying she hates the beach...
Should you and me just go without her?

AND CALLS TOO.
OH... I GOT TEXTS FROM MOKOCCHI AND KOMI-CHAN!

EH? TWENTY-FOUR TEXTS?

Are you awake?
Why aren't you replying?
Sorry..... All these texts must be annoying you, huh?
A-ack!? Sorry, I was just kid-ding! The three of us can go!
If it's annoying you, I won't text you anymore, so please just send me a reply...
You're not trying to leave me out now, are you?
Naruse-san...?
You're awake, aren't you?
Why? Huh? Why?
Yuu-chan?
It's nine o'clock already!
Why won't you answer my calls? I said I was sorry!

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Monday JULY 19
TODAY IS JULY 19TH...
Monday JULY 19
Takahashi
XY-shopping Arcade
BASI-CALLY, BREAK DOESN'T REALLY START TILL THE TWENTY-FIRST ...
BUT TODAY'S THE NINE-TEENTH, SO TOMOR-ROW'S A NATIONAL HOLIDAY.
TEKU (TROT)
TEKU
I'LL GET GOING ON MY HOMEWORK ON THE VERY FIRST DAY OF BREAK AND THEN STRIVE TO SPEND EVERY MOMENT AS MEANING-FULLY AS POSSIBLE!
I'M NOT GONNA LET THIS SUMMER BREAK GO TO WASTE LIKE LAST YEAR'S!
SO I'LL PUT MY ALL INTO WAST-ING JUST TODAY AND TOMOR-ROW ...!!

FAIL 58: I'M NOT POPULAR, SO I'LL WASTE TIME.

KAA (CAW)
KAA
ON AN ORDINARY DAY OFF, WAKING UP IN THE EVENING WOULD MAKE ME FEEL LIKE DYING...
...BUT TODAY, THE SUNSET LOOKS LOVELY.
FIRST, I NEED FOOD!
POI (TOSS)
SIX THIRTY P.M., HUH...? ALL RIGHT, FROM NOW UNTIL THIS TIME TOMORROW, I'LL GO THE WHOLE DAY WITHOUT SLEEP AND JUST MESS AROUND!
JUUU (SIZZLE)
YOU SAID YOU WANTED TEPPAN-YAKI, SO THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HAVING TONIGHT.
MOM, WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

MOCHA
もちゃ
MOCHA (MUNCH)
もちゃ
Wowww! Summer is in full swing, master!
FUNNY FOTOS MEMS FLASH
To let her observe me any further would be dangerous... to my secret!

PACKAGE: WATERMELON

MY SHEER JOY AT THE THOUGHT OF SOMEONE GOING OUT IN THIS CRAZY HEAT TO KICK A BALL AROUND MAKES THE COFFEE'S BITTERNESS SWEET...
MIIIN (CHIRRUP)
GUBI (GULP)
WHAT'S SHE DOING UP THIS EARLY?
GACHA (KACHAK)
!
THIS GUY TOTALLY SUCKS ...

...BUT MY FUN, CARE-FREE, WASTED DAYS END HERE.
HONESTLY, I WISH I COULD SCREW AROUND LIKE THIS ALL DAY, EVERY DAY...
I COULDN'T HAVE WASTED THE WHOLE DAY ANY BETTER THAN THIIIS!
AHH, WHAT A GREAT WASTE OF TIME...
MUKU (RISE)
KATOU-SAN? WHO'S THAT? HOW DID THEY GET MY HOME PHONE NUMBER!?
GARA (SSHNK)
EH!?
YOU HAVE A CALL FROM YOUR CLASS-MATE KATOU-SAN.
KON (KNOCK)
TO-MOKO! I'M COMING IIIIN!
KON
STARTING TOMOR-ROW, I WON'T MISUSE EVEN A SINGLE DAY OF SUMMER BREAK.
Oh! Anyway, they said to meet up at school at nine thirty tomorrow to go cheer for the baseball team.
So, the teacher gave me this number. Wow, it's been ages since I last called a home phone.
WHAT'S THIS? I'VE GOT A REALLY ...
...BAD FEEL-ING .....!
Oh! Kuroki-san!? Thank goodness! I needed to get in touch about tomorrow, but nobody knew your e-mail address or cell phone number.
H—
HELLO ...?

JUST WHEN I'D DECIDED TO QUIT WASTING MY TIME .....
HOW DARE THEY CLOG UP MY SUMMER BREAK WITH THE TOTALLY USELESS ACT OF CHEERING ON A BUNCH OF BALDIES AT SOME DUMB EVENT...?
HOO ...!
HEH HEH HEH HEH ...
WHY MUST THEY FORCE ME TO SQUANDER MY TIME, NOW THAT I'M SO DETERMINED TO LIVE MY LIFE SERIOUSLY .....?
FUTILE RESIS-TANCE THOUGH THAT MAY BE...
FINE, THEN, I'M GONNA KEEP SCREWING AROUND ON NO SLEEP SO I'LL BE IN THE WORST POSSIBLE SHAPE FOR TOMORROW'S CHEERING.....

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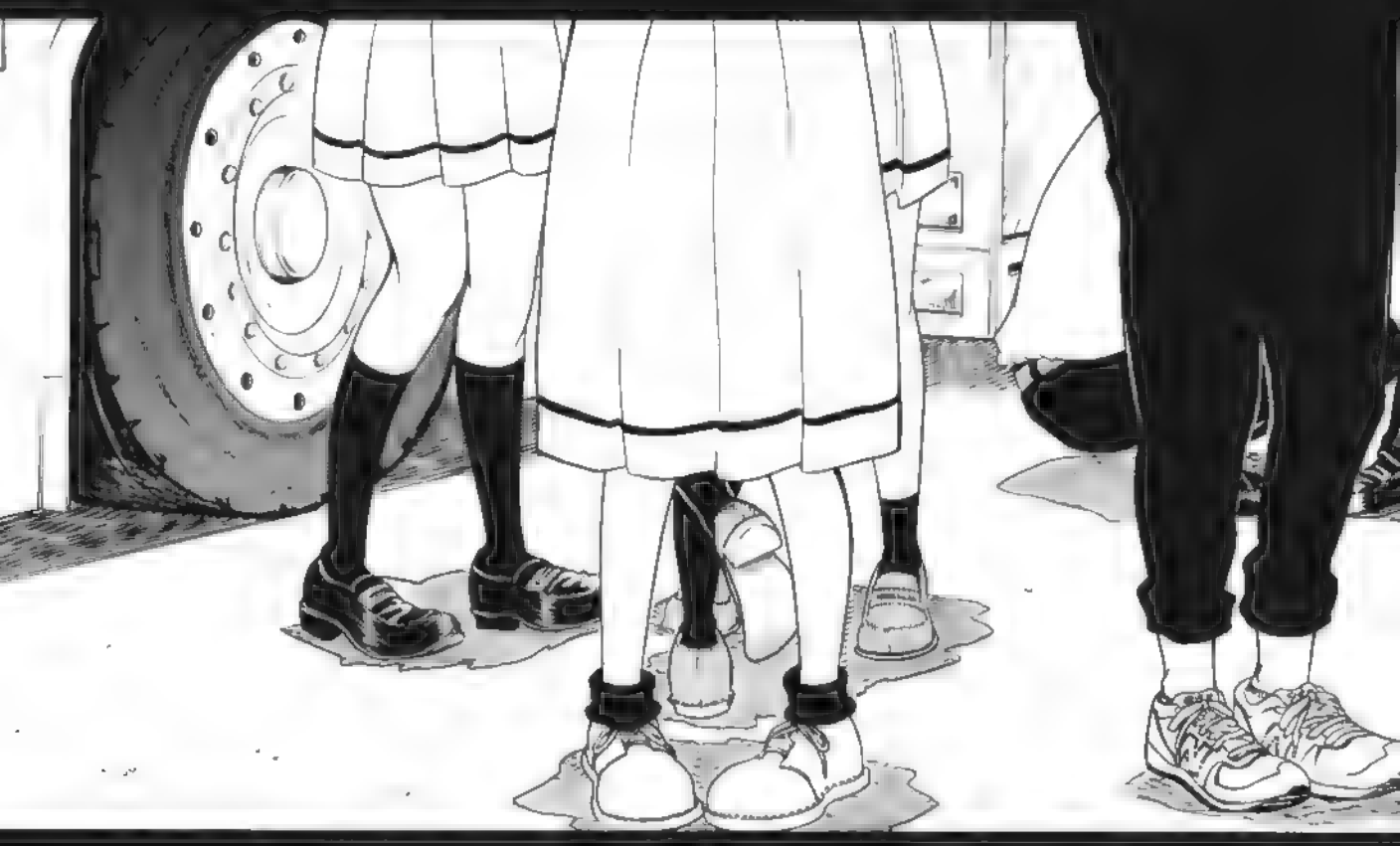
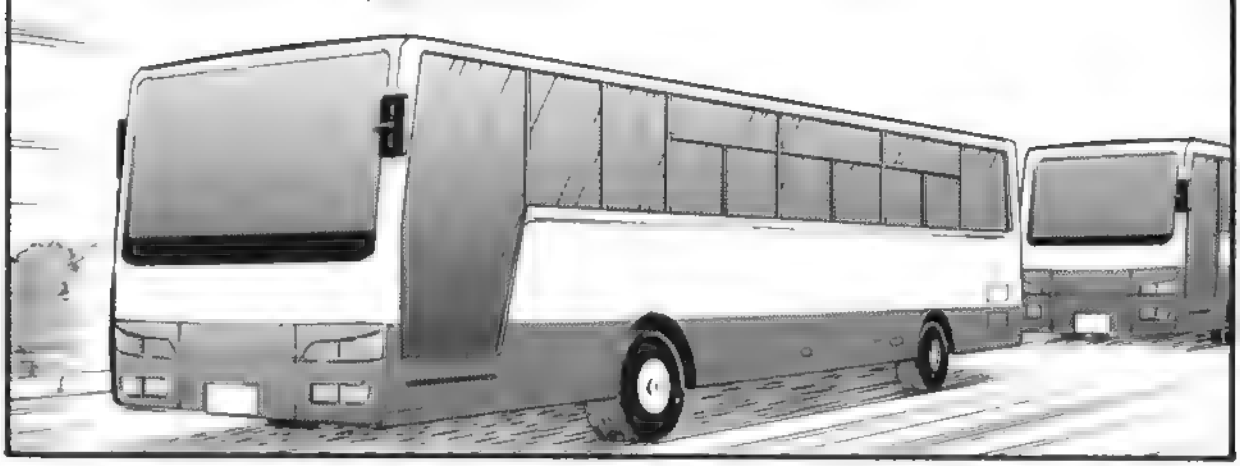
FAIL 59: I'M NOT POPULAR, SO I'LL CHEER THEM ON.





WHAAA—? FOR REAL!!?
I MEAN, WEREN'T WE THE ONLY ONES THERE THEN?

IS SHE THAT IN DENIAL ABOUT BEING MAROONED NEXT TO ME AND AWAY FROM HER FRIENDS?
DUNNO WHO SHE IS, THOUGH...
WHAT'S WITH HER? SHE'S BEEN CHATTING NONSTOP WITH THE GIRLS BEHIND US.

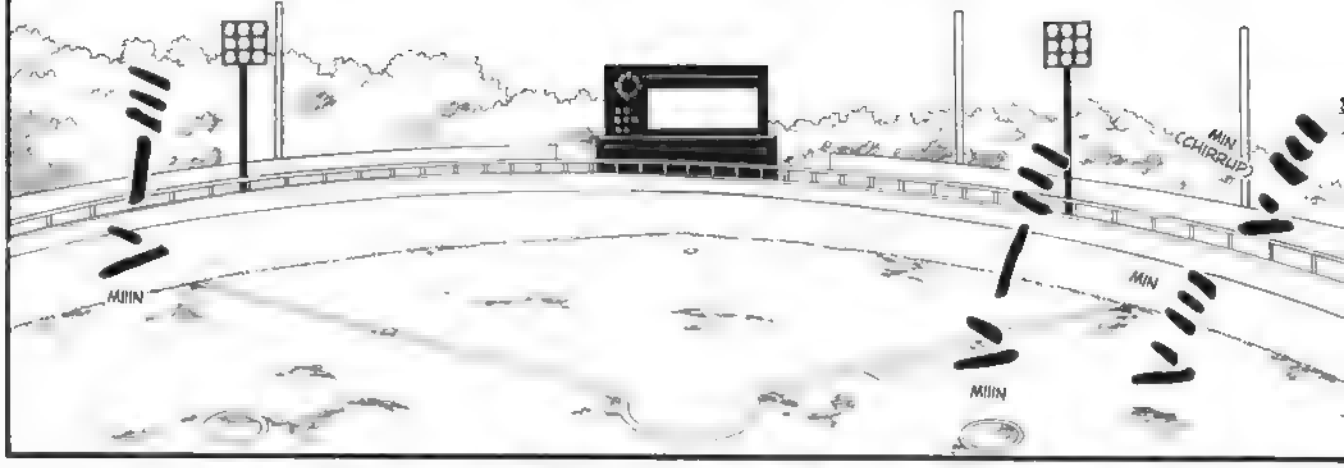
I'LL FOCUS ON NAPPING.
SUUU (ZZZ)
WELL, WHAT-EVER... IF SHE DOESN'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT ME, I DON'T HAVE TO GIVE A DAMN ABOUT HER.

I KNOW, RIIIGHT!?
SHE'S OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO BE ALL "I MIGHT BE SEATED WITH KUROKI-SAN, BUT UNLIKE HER, I HAVE FRIENDS," THE SHOW-OFF...

THIS ISN'T GONNA BE ANY FUN AT ALL.
野球場
SO THIS IS WHERE WE'RE GONNA WATCH SOME ONE-ON-ONE BUZZ CUT BALDY ACTION AND GET A LOAD OF 'EM TOSSING AND SMACKING BALLS AROUND.

SIGN: BASEBALL STADIUM

IT LOOKS LIKE IT TAKES FOREVER TO PLAY..... IT'S KIND OF TOTALLY LAME..... AND IT'S FULL OF BUZZED BALDIES .....
THERE'S NOTHING INTERESTING ABOUT SPORTS TO BEGIN WITH, BUT BASEBALL IS ESPECIALLY BORING.....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MIN (CHIRRUP)

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IF ONLY THERE WAS SOME WAY TO MAKE BASEBALL INTERESTING.....
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ZAWA (CHATTER)
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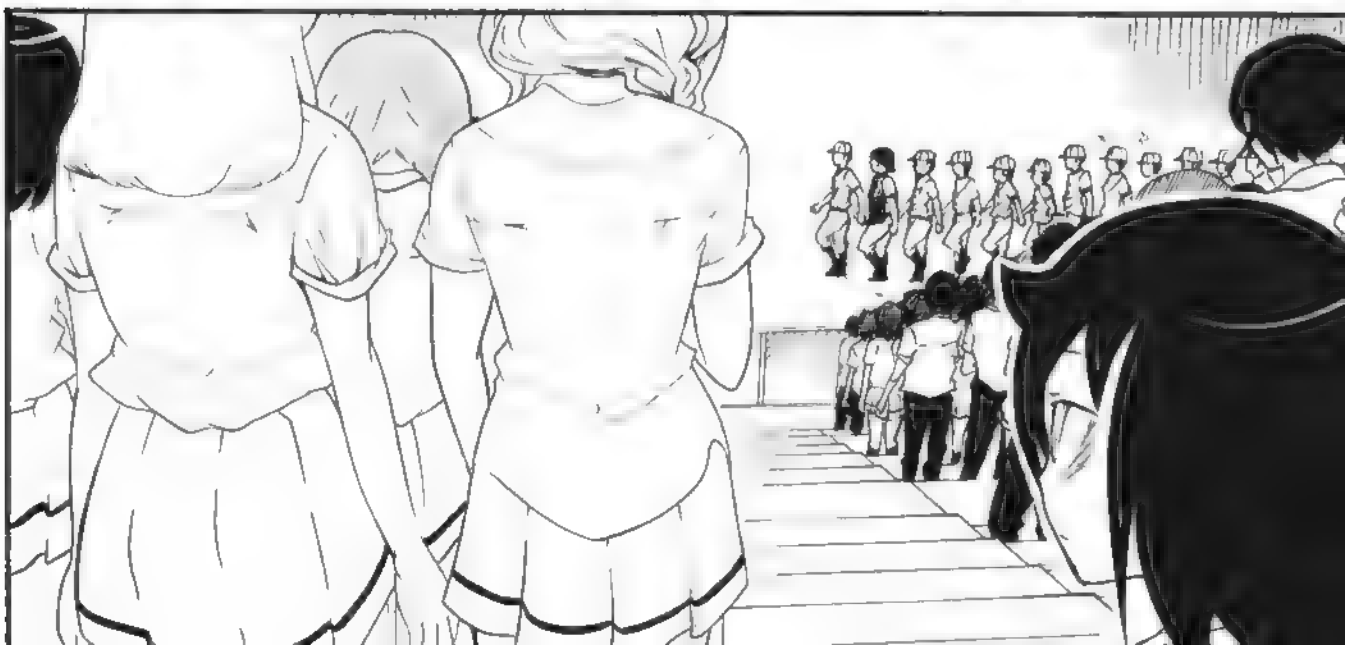
OH! HERE THEY COME!
...OR REQUIRING BOTH PITCHER AND CATCHER TO BE GAY. AND WHILE WE'RE AT IT, I WANNA OUTLAW BUZZ CUTS AND PLUCKED EYEBROWS TOO.

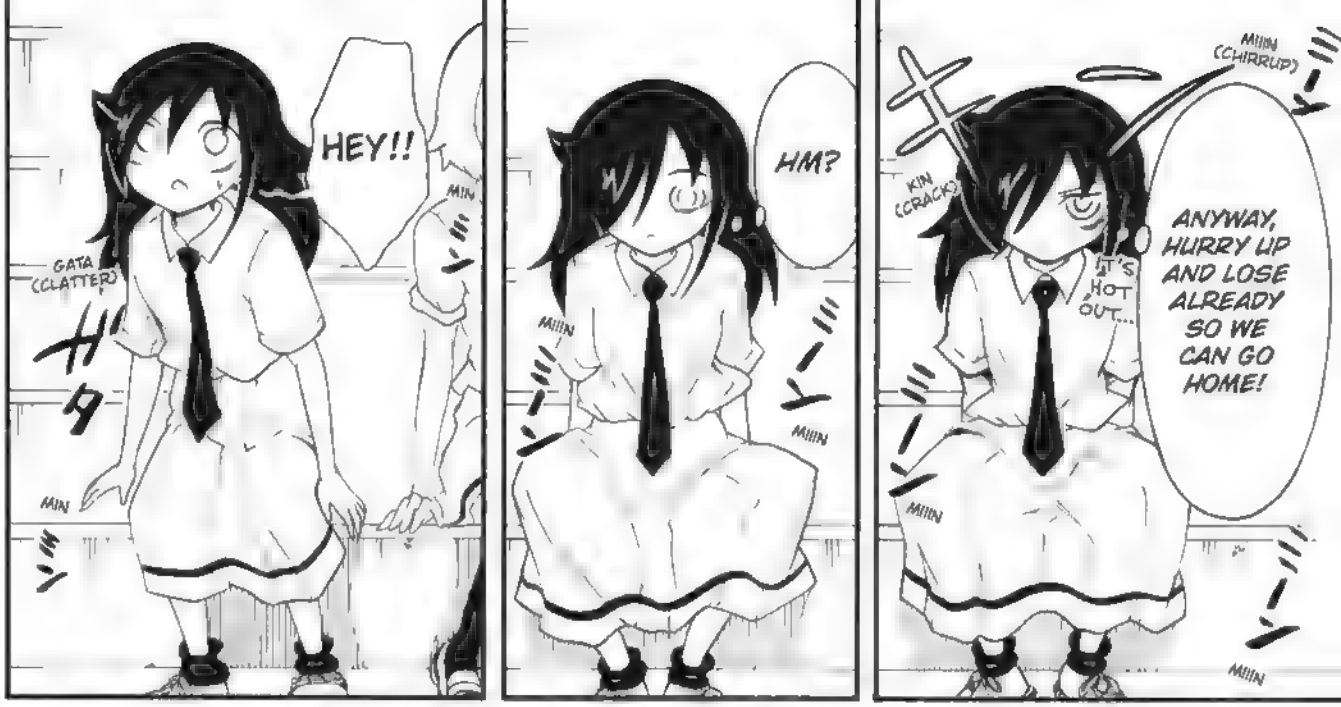
...OR HAVING THE PLAYERS' BATS BE PROPORTIONAL TO THEIR OWN D●CKS...
IN LENGTH, GIRTH...
LIKE SETTING THE BATTING ORDER BY D●CK SIZE...



BUT THAT'S SO NOT TRUE!
IT'S LIKE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PLAYER EQUALS EARNEST, HARD-WORKING MAN OR SOME-THING.
THE OTHER SPORTS TEAMS PLAY THEIR BEST TOO, BUT BASEBALL GETS SPECIAL TREAT-MENT.
I MEAN, IT'S WEIRD THAT WE ONLY COME OUT TO CHEER FOR THE BASEBALL TEAM IN THE FIRST PLACE...

AND SINCE SMOKERS TEND TO START IN HIGH SCHOOL, THAT MEANS SOMEONE OUT ON THAT FIELD SMOKES TOO, AND IT'S A GIVEN THAT ANYONE WHO MAKES IT TO THE NATIONALS AT KOSHIEN MUST BE A SMOKER.
I GOT THIS FROM THE WEB, BUT DON'T AN ABNORMALLY LARGE NUMBER OF PRO BASEBALL PLAYERS SMOKE?

AND THE SCHOOL EXPECTS US ALL TO GRATEFULLY CHEER ON PUNKS LIKE THAT.....? THEY MUST BE NUTS!!
A BASEBALL TEAM'S BASICALLY JUST A BUNCHA JERKS WHO THINK THEY'RE HOT SHIT, PLUCKING THEIR BROWS AND SMOKING. MORE LIKE A GANG OF DELINQUENTS, IF YOU ASK ME!!


HEY!!
GATA (CLATTER)
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MIIN (CHIRRUP)
KIN (CRACK)
IT'S HOT OUT...
ANYWAY, HURRY UP AND LOSE ALREADY SO WE CAN GO HOME!
MIIN

EEP!
DON (WHACK)
BA (DODGE)

I WON'T SIT BY AND WAIT FOR ANOTHER ATTACK. BETTER TO HIDE DEEPER IN.
MIIN
MIIN
MIIN

COULD THEY TELL I WAS INSULTING THEM!?
STILL, TRYING TO TAKE ME OUT WITH SUCH A HARD BALL IS PRETTY SHITTY OF THOSE PUNKS!

UNIFORMS: NORTH HIGH

SHAA (ROAR)
SHAA
WASHI (BUZZ)
WASHI
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MIIIN
BIG DEAL. HE'S JUST KINDA TALL.

FOR REAL!? SHOW ME WHERE!
THERE'S THIS TOTALLY COOL GUY FROM THE OTHER SCHOOL!
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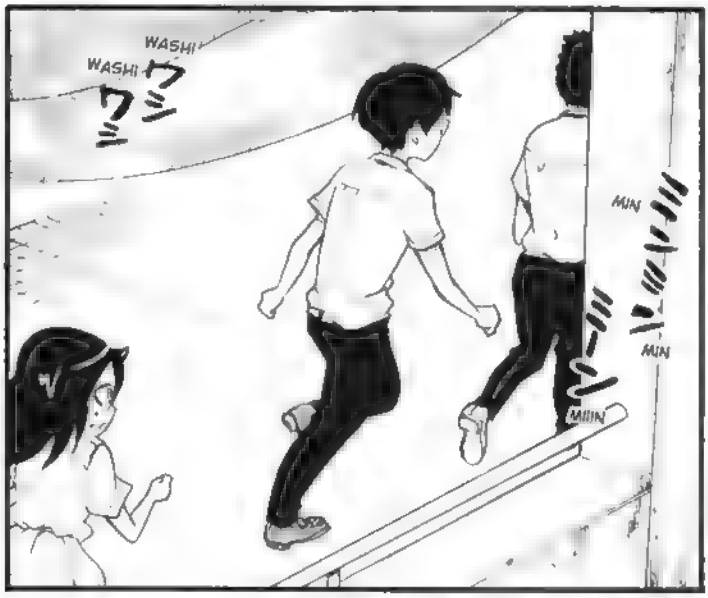
MIN (CHIRRUP)


WASHI
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HEY! THEY'VE GOT A GIRL WITH SUPER-HUGE TITS!
REALLY!?
YEAH, TOTALLY MASSIVE !!
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BASEBALL'S SO BORING TO BEGIN WITH, I GOT ALL DISTRACTED BY SILLY STUFF...
PLEASE STAND FOR HARAMAKU AT BAAAT!
I REALLY OVERDID IT, RUSHING BACK AND FORTH AROUND THIS BIG BASEBALL STADIUM IN THE SUMMER HEAT AFTER STAYING UP ALL NIGHT...
I FEEL SICK...
I'M BEGGING YOU GUYS, JUST PLEASE LOSE ALREADY AND LET THIS END... I'M ALL FOR CALLING THE GAME EARLY...
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GATA (CLATTER)
ANYWAY, THEY'VE BEEN AT IT FOR OVER AN HOUR... BUT THERE'S NO END IN SIGHT...
PLEASE JUST DIE ALREADY !!
OOOH !! IT'S ALL TIED UP!!
JUST DIE!
PACHI (CLAP)
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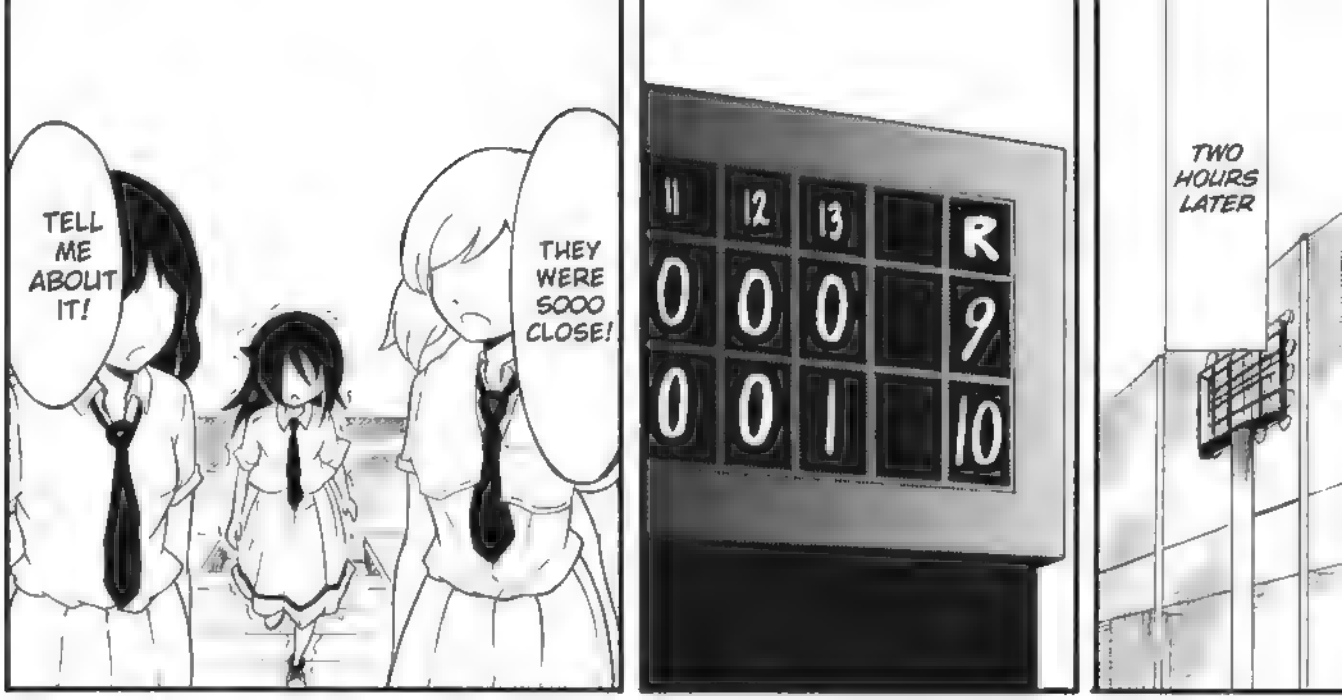
OHH, HE'S ON BASE!
DIE .....
THIR-TEEN.
THEY'RE REALLY HANGING IN THERE ...! WHAT PITCH ARE WE UP TO?


TELL ME ABOUT IT!
THEY WERE SOOO CLOSE!
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TWO HOURS LATER

FURAAA (STAGGER)
KAKU (WOBBLE)

YOU CAN COUNT ME ABSENT FOR ALL I CARE. BUT I'M SKIPPING OUT!!
THOSE DAMNED SCUM-BALLS... NO WAY IN HELL I'M COMING NEXT YEAR!
HFF...
HFF...

KSHEE!
HEF!

HFF...

DOKA (WHUMP)
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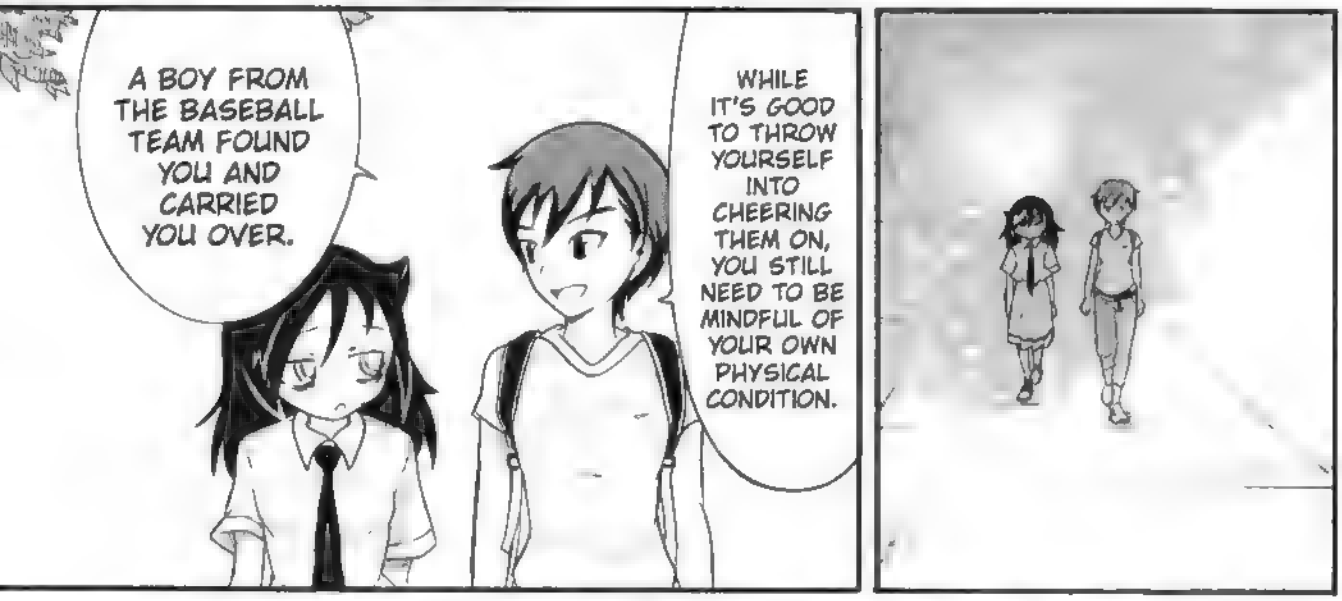
I'M VERY SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE.
IT'S JUST A MILD CASE OF HEATSTROKE. SHE'LL BE FINE WITH A LITTLE REST.
DOCTOR
医務室
INFIRMARY

PAD: ICE PACK


A BOY FROM THE BASEBALL TEAM FOUND YOU AND CARRIED YOU OVER.
WHILE IT'S GOOD TO THROW YOURSELF INTO CHEERING THEM ON, YOU STILL NEED TO BE MINDFUL OF YOUR OWN PHYSICAL CONDITION.

PU (HONK)
THE BUSES HAVE ALL LEFT, BUT A BASEBALL TEAM ALUM IS GOING TO DRIVE US BACK ALONG WITH THE TEAM MANAGERS.

SHIRTS: MAKUHARI SHIIIE!

No Matter How I Look at It, It's You Guys' Fault I'm Not Popular!

ALL RIGHT, I'LL BE BACK LATER TO GET YOU. TRY NOT TO MAKE TOO MUCH TROUBLE IN THE MEANTIME.
OH, NOT AT ALL! TOMOKO-CHAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN SO GOOD TO OUR KIKO.
OKAY, I'M LEAVING TOMOKO TO YOU. BUT I SUSPECT SHE MAY CAUSE YOU ALL SORTS OF PROBLEMS.
RIGHT!
KII-CHAN, TAKE GOOD CARE OF TOMOKO.
..... YEP.
YEAH... SURE...
LET'S GO TO MY ROOM.
TO-MOKO-CHAN!
HUH!? HOW MANY DAYS AM I STAYING HERE? MY DUMB-ASS BROTHER DIDN'T COME 'COS OF SOCCER...
GARA (SSHNK)

FAIL 60: I'M NOT POPULAR, SO I'LL BECOME A DOG.

TOMOKO-CHAN, TRY THIS ON.

I JUST WANTED YOU TO LOOK NICE, TOMOKO-CHAN.
YOU BOUGHT IT.....? WHY? WASN'T IT EXPEN-SIVE...?

I THOUGHT IT WOULD LOOK GOOD ON YOU, SO I BOUGHT IT.
HUH !? WHAT IS THIS !?

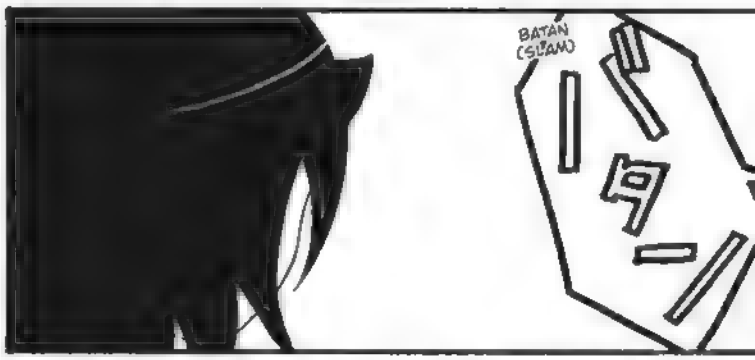
.....
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
ALL THE SAME, GIVE IT A TRY.

UH, BUT I ALREADY LOOK NICE...

WOWWW! YOU'RE SOOOO CUTE!
.....

OKAY, GIMME A SEC. I'LL GO BORROW SOME HAIRPINS FROM MOM.
EH? SURE ...
MIND IF I DO YOUR HAIR TOO?

HUH? WHAT'S WITH THE FLAGS ON SOME OF THE PAGES ...?
SO KII-CHAN'S AT THE AGE WHERE SHE'S READING THIS STUFF NOW?
FASH-ION MAGS ...


BATAN (SLAM)

TEEN TROUBLES ADVICE
Q: I HAVE A COUSIN THREE YEARS OLDER THAN ME. EVEN THOUGH SHE'S IN HIGH SCHOOL, SHE HAS NO BOYFRIEND AND ONLY HANGS OUT WITH LITTLE KIDS. WHAT SHOULD I DO? (K, AGE 14)
A: IT'S NICE THAT YOU CARE SO MUCH ABOUT YOUR COUSIN, K-CHAN! FIRST, HOW ABOUT GETTING HER INTERESTED IN FASHION? IF HER APPEARANCE CHANGES, HER WORLD WOULD CHANGE TOO! MAYBE SHE'D FIND A GREAT BOYFRIEND THEN!?

HM!?
TEEN TROUBLES ADVICE CLUB
COULD I BE IN HSG?
JR HSG

GACHA (KACHAK)
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LET'S GO FOR A WALK AFTER!
... SURE.

IS THIS HAIR-STYLE OKAY?
..... SURE.
CAT EARS
CAT EARS

MIIIN (CHIRRUP)
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TSUKU-TSUKU-BOOOSH! (CHEEP)
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TSUKU-TSUKUBO
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A PLACE WITH LOTS OF PEOPLE.
BOOOSH!
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OOSH!
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
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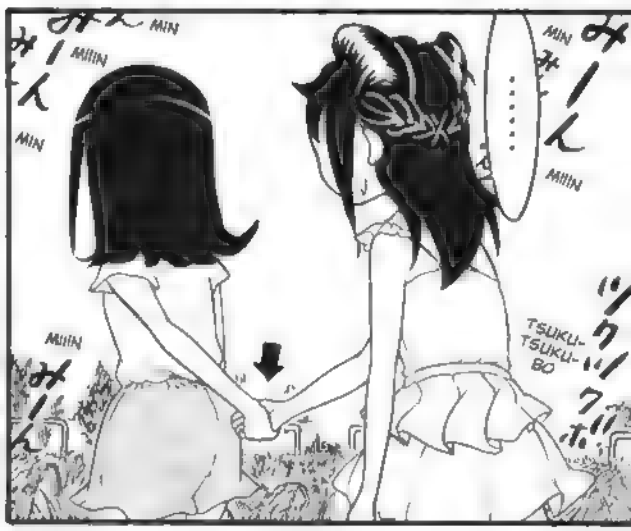
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MIIIN
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TSUKU-TSUKU-BO

.....ISN'T EVERY-THING SHE'S DONE TO ME SO FAR THE KINDA THING YOU'D DO TO A PET DOG...!?

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I WANT ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE TO SEE HOW INCREDIBLY CUTE YOU ARE, TOMOKO-CHAN.
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TSUKU-TSUKU-BO
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TEKU
TEKU (STEP)
THAT REMINDS ME, KII-CHAN'S FAMILY HAD A DOG ONCE... IS SHE ACTUALLY TREATING ME LIKE HER DOG !!?

DRESSING ME UP, TAKING ME FOR A WALK, SHOWING ME OFF... THAT'S STUFF PEOPLE DO WITH PETS!
ZURU (DRAG)
ZURU
ZURU
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OH, I KNOW!
NO, WAIT, WORST-CASE-SCENARIO, KII-CHAN KNEES ME IN THE SOLAR PLEXUS OR SOMETHING. I COULD LOSE.....

DAMMIT...! IN A FIST-FIGHT, I COULD SO EASILY ASSERT MY DOMINANCE OVER HER!

I'LL PUSH THIS DAMN BRAT INTO A SOGGY RICE PADDY AND MAKE SURE SHE KNOWS WHICH OF US IS BOSS HERE!
WELL, OUT HERE IN THE COUNTRY, THINGS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE CITY. AND SUMO'S THE QUINTES-SENTIAL RURAL SPORT, RIGHT?

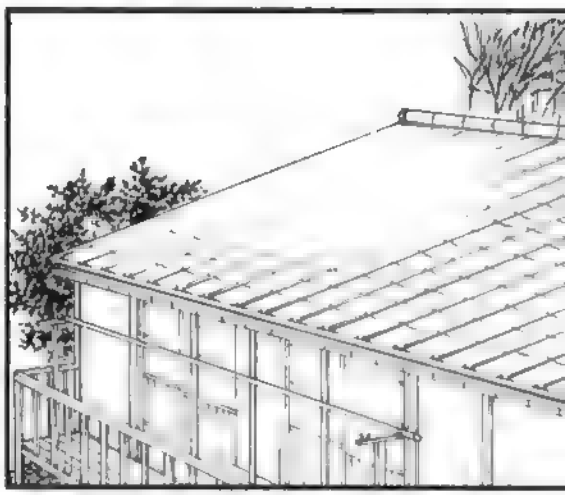
KII-CHAN, WANNA DO SOME SUMO?
SUMO!!?
WHY?

.....
OH.
NO, I'M GOOD.
SIGN: BANK
?
OKAY.
TOMOKO-CHAN, DO YOU MIND WAITING HERE FOR A BIT?
IS THIS LIKE WHEN YOU LEAVE YOUR DOG TIED UP OUTSIDE THE SUPER-MARKET OR SOMETHING !?
!!?

!
KII, YOU TWERP !! DAMN BRAT !!
...WAS HE HIT-TING ON HER?
.....
GET BACK HERE FAST, KII-CHAN !!
IF I'M HERE, WON'T PEOPLE THINK I'M LOOKING TO HOOK UP TOO ...!?
...HANG ON!
WHAT'S WITH THIS PLACE? IS IT A POPULAR PICKUP SPOT?

...KII-CHAN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
NO, NOTHING. LET'S GO BACK HOME, TOMOKO-CHAN.

OH NO, I'M TOTALLY A DOG TO HER...
THE PEOPLE THERE HAVE NO TASTE. THAT'S WHY THEY DIDN'T REALIZE HOW CUTE YOU ARE, TOMOKO-CHAN!



WELL, I'M AN ADULT, SO I DO.
KII-CHAN, SINCE YOU'RE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, YOU PROBABLY DON'T USE PERFUME AND STUFF, RIGHT?

HOW DO I REVERSE OUR POSI-TIONS...?
THAT WHOLE DEAL BEFORE WAS CLEARLY ABOUT TAKING A BITCH OUT TO FIND A STUD...

MAYBE WITH THIS!?

FIRST, YOU DO THIS.
EH?
THAT'S NOT HOW YOU USE IT, TOMOKO-CHAN.
IF YOU PUT IT ON LIKE THIS, IT MAKES YOU SMELL NICE.
PUSHU (SPRAY)
AND THEN THIS.
YEAH... OF COURSE I ALREADY KNOW THAT...
EH?
THEN, LET'S GET ALL MADE UP AND GO TO THE SUMMER FESTI-VAL!
TOMOKO-CHAN, HAVE YOU EVER WORN MAKE-UP?
OH ...!
I HAVE, BUT ...
...N-NOT RE-CENT-LY...

SIGNS: COTTON CANDY / TAIYAKI — TASTE OF PRIDE / SUPERBALL SCOOP

DAMN... CAN'T TOP HER FASHION-WISE... I'LL PUT MY EXTRA YEARS OF LIFE TO USE AND MAKE HER RESPECT ME FOR MY WISDOM.

KORON (CLACK)

KARAN (CLOP)

GAYA (CHATTER)

WAI (MERRY)

SINCE IT'S SO CROWDED, LET'S HOLD HANDS SO WE DON'T GET SEPARATED, OKAY?

... YEP.

GAYA

BUTTERED POTATOES

SEE THOSE BUTTERED POTATOES?* WORD HAS IT, THEY ACTUALLY USE MARGARINE INSTEAD!

... HMM?

BUTTER

KII-CHAN, DID YOU KNOW? YAKUZA'LL SOMETIMES RANDOMLY RIG UP STALLS LIKE THESE.

... OHH?

*THIS IS MOKOCCHI'S PERSONAL OPINION. SIGNS: GRILLED SQUID / BABY CASTELLA CAKES / RED BEAN—

IN CANDY CUTOUT, YOU BASICALLY USE A NEEDLE TO SCRAPE OUT THE SHAPE, STARTING FROM THE EDGES.

APPLE ¥500 PRIZE

BUT SINCE THE CANDY MOLDS TEND TO BE DRY, THEY BREAK REALLY EASILY, LIKE THIS.

HUH? BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE WIN AT IT.

OH! KII-CHAN, LET'S PLAY CANDY CUT-OUT!

CANDY CUTOUT

CANDY

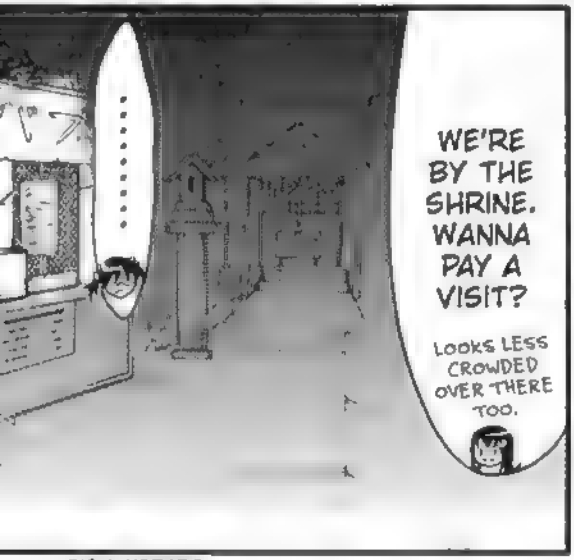
CANDY

THAT'S 'COS THEY DON'T HAVE THE STRATEGY DOWN.

SIGN: CANDY CUTOUT

THAT'S CHEATING, YOUNG LADY. YOU'RE DISQUALI-FIED.
STALL HOLDER
REROOO (LICK)
TO PREVENT THAT FROM HAPPENING, YOU WET IT WITH YOUR TONGUE LIKE SO, AND THAT MAKES IT EASIER TO CHISEL OUT.

SIGN: KACHIWARI, THE FAMOUS KOSHIEN TREAT



SIGN: KEBABS

TOMOKO-CHAN, WHAT DID YOU PRAY FOR?
IT WAS FOR YOU, KII-CHAN.
REALLY!? I PRAYED FOR YOU TOO, TOMOKO-CHAN!
OKAY, LET'S HEAD BACK TO THE STALLS.
KARAN (CLOP)
THANKS, TOMOKO-CHAN.
ARE YOU OKAY?
MY SANDAL SEEMS TO HAVE BROKEN.
BA (WHAP)
BUCHI (SNAP)
GAKU (TRIP)
UH-OH!?
WHAT'LL I DO? I DROPPED MY BARRETTE...
I THINK IT FELL AROUND HERE...
SUN SUFF
SUN
?
BA

KUN (SNIFF)
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MOVE ASIDE, KII-CHAN.
EH?
I FOLLOWED THE SCENT OF THAT PERFUME I SPRAYED ON YOUR HAIR.
I FIGURED YOUR CLIP MIGHT SMELL THE SAME TOO.
WOW! BUT HOW!?
HERE YOU GO, KII-CHAN.

THIS BARRETTE IS SUPER-SPECIAL TO ME.
IT'S ACTUALLY A DOG BARRETTE. IT BELONGED TO OUR DOG, PUDDING, WHO DIED A LONG TIME AGO.
I'VE TAKEN TO WEARING IT MYSELF SO THAT I'LL NEVER FORGET PUDDING.
THANK YOU SO MUCH, TOMOKO-CHAN!

PACHI (SNAP)

WELL, SINCE SHE ACCEPTS MY SUPERIORITY NOW, GUESS I'LL OVERLOOK THE STUFF FROM BEFORE .....
GOING BY THAT FACE, I THINK SHE'S FINALLY LEARNED HER PLACE...

NN !!?
PUDDING (DOG)
MONGREL
PET (DOG)
LIAR
COUSIN

EH HEH HEH HEH!

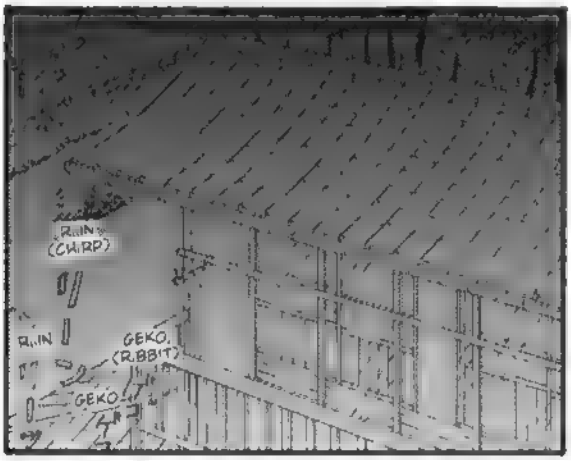
No Matter How I Look at It, It's You Guys' Fault I'm Not Popular!

OHH?
THIS VIDEO FOR THIS SCARY STORY IS SERIOUSLY FREAKY.
FAIL 61:
I'M NOT POPULAR, SO I'LL TERRORIZE.

[ch] Occult Scary Stories. These Are No Joke!
Tags

YOU JUMP-ED!
YOU JUST JUMPED, DIDN'T YOU!!?
BIKU (JUMP)
WAH!!

WHOOOO!!
WAEEEH!
GOSH, CUT IT OUT, TOMO-KO-CHAN!
SOOOO SORRY, KII-CHAN! WAS THAT TOO SCARY?
I'M REEEAL SORRY I SPOOK-ED YOU!!


RUIN (CHIRP)
RUIN
GEKO (RABBIT)
GEKO

KII-CHAN, KYEEE-EEEH!
GURI (RUB)
GURI
LET'S HURRY UP AND WATCH THE REST.

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SUUU (ZZZ)

MIIIN
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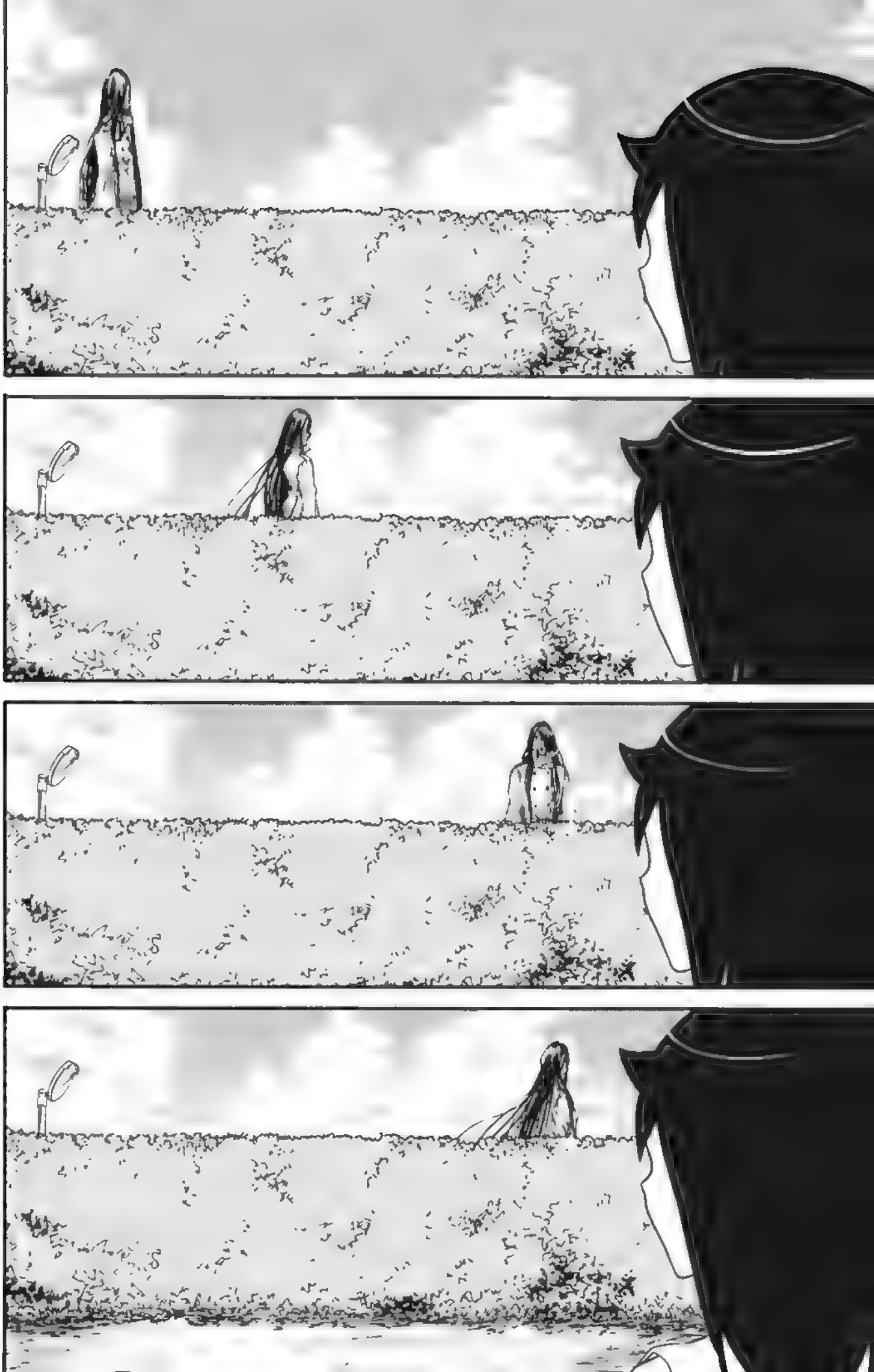
TSUKU-TSUKU-BOOOSHI (CHEEP)
TSUKU-TSUKU
MIIIN (CHIRRUP)
MOM CUT A WATER-MELON, SO LET'S HAVE SOME, TOMOKO-CHAN.
'KAY.
BY THE WAY, THAT STORY YESTERDAY WAS REALLY SCARY.
OH YEAH... MS. EIGHT-FEET-TALL?
EATING WATER-MELON WHILE GAZING OUTDOORS REALLY HITS THE SPOT.
SURE DOES.
I'M GOING TO RUN TO THE BATH-ROOM.
SHI
BOOSHI
TSUKU-TSUKU-BOOOSHI
THERE'RE STILL OTHER SCARY STORIES. WANNA WATCH AGAIN TONIGHT?
YOU BET.
WHEWWW...
GUI (GULP)
SHARI (KRONSCH)
TSUKU-TSUKU-BOOO



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TSUKU-TSUKU-BOOOSHI (CHEEP)
TSUKU-TSUKU

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MIIN (CHIRRUP)
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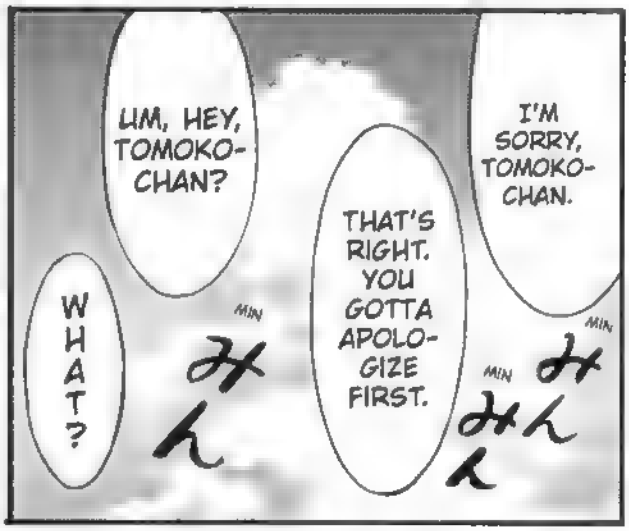
OH?

THIS IS A SCARE-CROW WE HAD IN THE HOUSE.
DID THAT FRIGHT-EN YOU, TOMOKO-CHAN?

OH! WHERE'D YOU GO, TOMOKO-CHAN?
MIIIN (CHIRRUP)
?
KII-CHAN, YOU'RE ALREADY IN YOUR SECOND YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, RIGHT?
UH-HUH.
I THINK YOU SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF TELLING APART UN-ACCEPTABLE PRANKS FROM ACCEPTABLE ONES BY NOW.

FOR EXAMPLE, HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOUR PRANK CAUSED ME TO HAVE A HEART ATTACK AND PEE MYSELF?
SAD.
THAT'S RIGHT. SO, WHY DID YOU DO IT?
DID YOU WET YOUR-SELF?
NO WAY! I TOLD YOU THAT WAS JUST AN EXAMPLE. DON'T GO CHANGE THE SUBJECT.
TSUKU-TSUKU-BOOOSHI. (CHEEP)

WHY AREN'T YOU WEARING YOUR SHORTS?
DO YOU EVEN NEED TO ASK?
YOU MADE ME SPILL BARLEY TEA ON THEM, SO I TOOK THEM OFF.

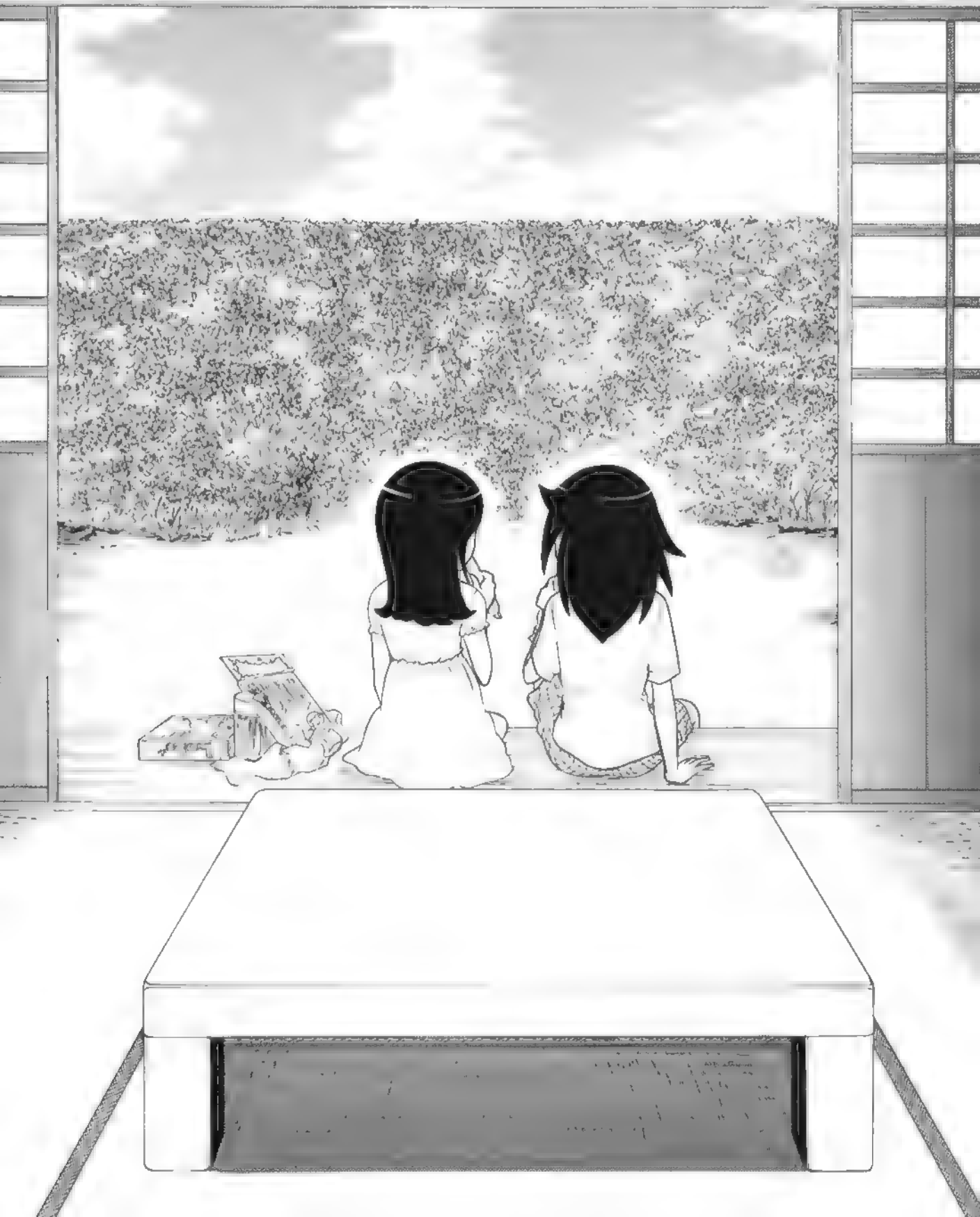

I'M SORRY, TOMOKO-CHAN.
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU GOTTA APOLO-GIZE FIRST.
UM, HEY, TOMOKO-CHAN?
WHAT?

FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE BARLEY TEA I DRANK CAME OUTTA MY BLADDER, IT'D STILL BE BARLEY TEA, RIGHT? AM I WRONG?
NO, YOU'RE NOT WRONG. I'M SORRY... TOMOKO-CHAN.

BUT THE TEA SPILLED ON THE FLOOR. IT COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN ON YOUR PANTS.
WHAT'RE YOU TRYIN' TO SAY? YOU SURE YOU'RE SORRY FOR WHAT YOU DID?

No Matter How I Look at It, It's You Guys' Fault I'm Not Popular!

FAIL 62: I'M NOT POPULAR, SO I'LL GO BACK HOME.



GACHA (KACLICK)
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YEAH, OKAY. GOT IT.
YEP. SEE YOU LATER...
THEN, THAT MAKES TODAY YOUR LAST DAY HERE. WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
HMM, I COULD GO FOR SOME ICE CREAM ABOUT NOW.
MIIIN (CHIRRUP)
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MIN
I SEE ...
YEAH. MOM SAID SHE'D COME PICK ME UP IN THE AFTER-NOON.
YOU'RE GOING HOME TOMOR-ROW, TOMOKO-CHAN?
MIN
JIIIWA (BUZZ)
JIIIWA
OKAY, I KNOW A YUMMY PLACE, SO LET'S GO BUY SOME THERE!
IT'S A LITTLE FAR, SO LET'S GO BY BIKE.
HUH?

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TSUKU-TSUKU-BOOOSH! (CHEEP)
TSUKU-TSUKU-BOOOSH!!
UH, COULDN'T WE JUST WALK THERE?
WALK ALL THAT WAY? THERE'S A BIKE FOR YOU TO RIDE TOO, SO LET'S JUST TAKE THEM.
I'LL BE FINE... I'VE BEEN WATCHING A CYCLING ANIME LATELY...SO MAYBE I MIGHT BE ABLE TO RIDE A BIKE NOW.....
IF I JUST RIDE WITH THIS IMAGE IN MIND, I'M SURE.....
JITA (STRUGGLE)
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BATA (FLAIL)
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KII (SQUEAK)
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KASHAAAN (CLATTER)
カシャーン

TSUKU-TSUKU-BOOOSH! (CHEEP)
NAH, FORGET IT. ONE DAY ISN'T ENOUGH.
WELL, THEN! LET'S PRACTICE SO YOU CAN RIDE AGAIN.
IT'S NOT THAT. I JUST HAVEN'T RIDDEN ONE IN A WHILE... MAYBE I LOST THE ABILITY TO RIDE WITHOUT REALIZING IT.....
MIIIN (CHIRRUP)
TOMOKO-CHAN, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO RIDE A BIKE?

CUMMING BY CLIMAX BIKE!!
...OR REDUCED TO APPEARING IN NICHE PORN IN ORDER TO MAKE ENDS MEET, RIGHT?
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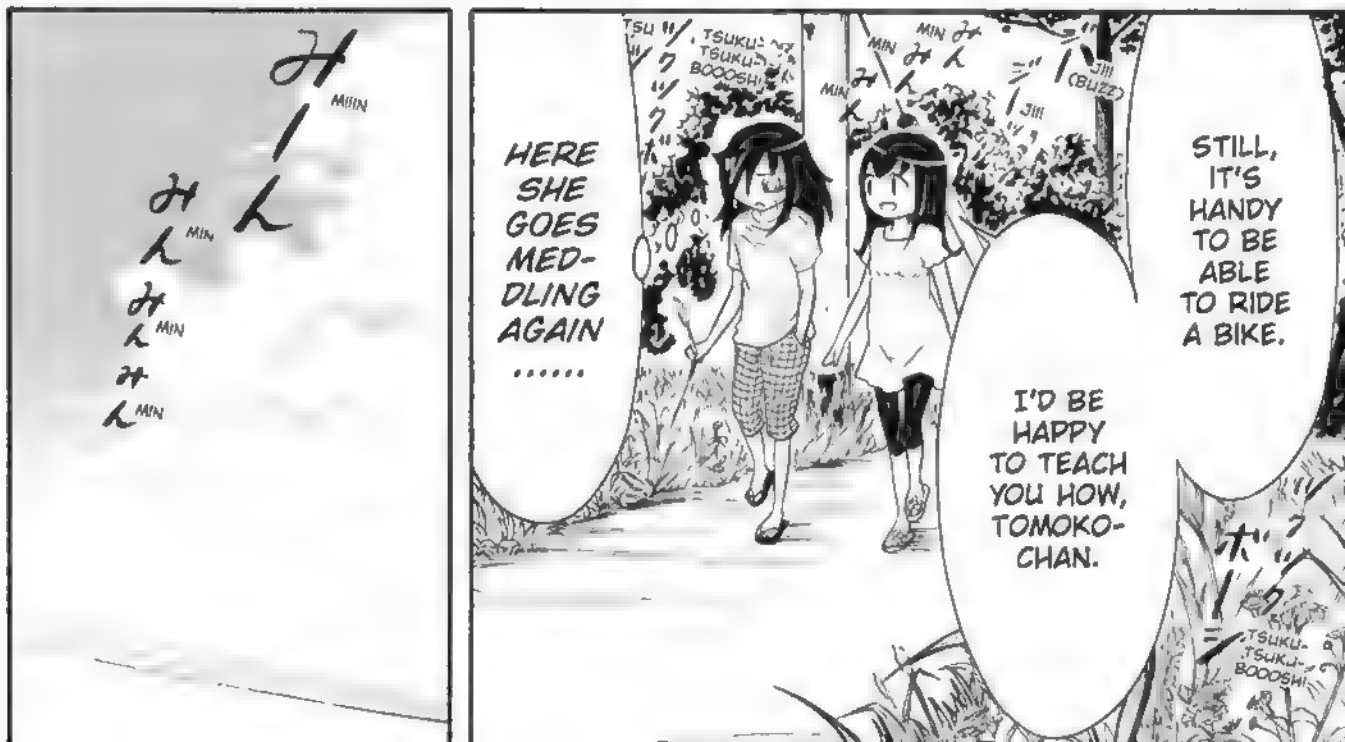
BESIDES, YOU DON'T NEED A BICYCLE... UNLESS YOU'RE TRYING TO LIVE ON STOCK-HOLDER PERKS...


HERE SHE GOES MED-DLING AGAIN .....
TSUKU-TSUKU-BOOOSH!
JIII (BUZZ)
STILL, IT'S HANDY TO BE ABLE TO RIDE A BIKE.
I'D BE HAPPY TO TEACH YOU HOW, TOMOKO-CHAN.
TSUKU-TSUKU-BOOOSH!

KII-CHAN, DON'T FEED ME BALD-FACED LIES WHILE I'M RIDING, LIKE "I'M HOLDING ON!" WHEN YOU'VE ALREADY LET GO OF THE BIKE, OKAY?
SURE. GOT IT.
IT'S NOT A JOKE. LIE TO ME, AND I'M NOT GETTING ON AGAIN.
SURE, GOT IT.
みん MIN
みーん MIIIN
KII-CHAN, YOU STILL GOT ME?
YOU DIDN'T LET GO, DID YOU?
OKAY, HERE WE GO!
!
DA (DASH)
だっ
I'M NOT HOLD-ING ON.
I AL-READY LET GO.
ガシャ GASHA (CRASH)
.....OKAY, KII-CHAN, WHETHER YOU LIE OR NOT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER. CAN YOU JUST NOT LET GO OF THE BIKE FOR NOW?
SURE, GOT IT.

I TOLD YOU SO!
THIS JUST ISN'T WORKING OUT...
THE WHOLE BIKING THING...
PETA (FLOP)
KAA (CAW)
KAA

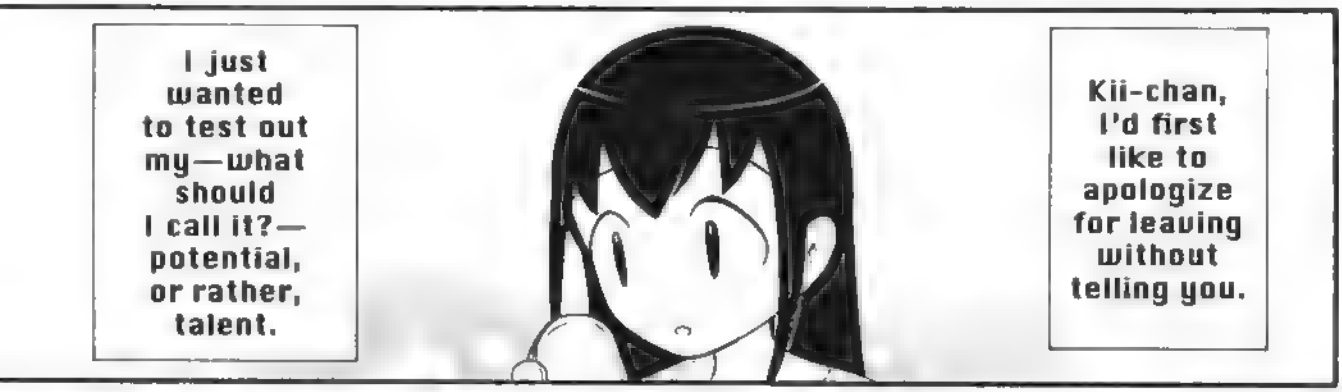
I'LL JUST PRETEND THE BIKE STARTED ROLLING DOWN THE HILL BY ITSELF AND BUMP INTO HER LIGHTLY ...
YOU WILL PAY ...
MAKING ME WASTE A PRECIOUS DAY OFF TO PRACTICE RIDING THIS LOWLY VEHICLE THAT REEKS OF POVERTY...
KAA
KAA
.....

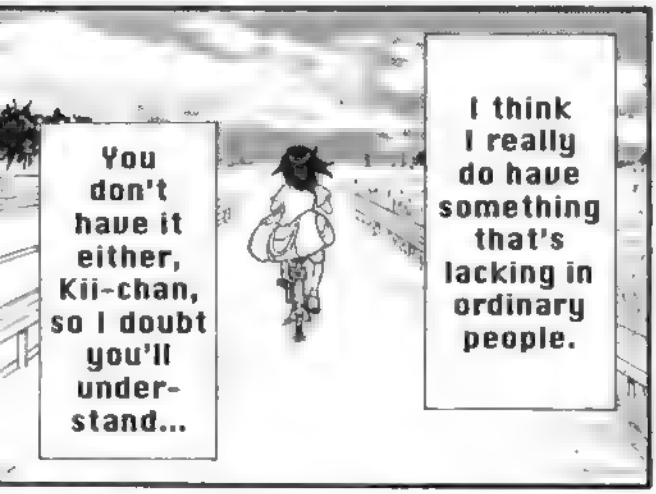
!?
SU (PASS)
U-UWAAAH! KII-CHAN, LOOK OUT! (WOOD-ENLY)

AAAUGH!!
UWAAAAAH!!
OH, CRAP!
IT'S GOING TOO FAST!!
IT WAS S'POSED TO RAM KII-CHAN AND COME TO A HALT!
WOW! YOU DID IT! YOU RODE THE BIKE!
HUH?
TOMO-KOOO-CHAN!
TA
TA (DASH)
TA
HFF!
HFF!
FELT LIKE MY HEART WAS GONNA STOP DEAD ...
YOU JUST KEPT IT MOVING STRAIGHT AHEAD, SO NOW ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS PEDAL.
SHAAA (WHIZZ)

OKAY IF I JUST RIDE OVER THERE AND BACK?
YEP, BUT DON'T GO TOO FAR.
I CAN RIDE NOW !!?
HOW GREAT! YOU REALLY DID IT IN ONE DAY.
SHAAA (WHIZZ)
GEKO
GEKO
GEKO (RIBBIT)
THIS IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM RIDING DOUBLE OR WITH TRAINING WHEELS !!
WITH A BIKE, I CAN GO ANY-WHERE !!
RIIIN
RIIIN (CHIRP)
AMAZING!
Circuit of Japan Bicycle Trip
Day 2
MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRST YEAR Hayashi-kun
Summer Break
GO Kids TV
The Challenge!

I GOT A MESSAGE FROM HER!?
!?
TO-MOKO-CHAN ...?
CHUN
CHUN (TWEET)


I just wanted to test out my—what should I call it?—potential, or rather, talent.
Kii-chan, I'd first like to apologize for leaving without telling you.


You don't have it either, Kii-chan, so I doubt you'll understand...
I think I really do have something that's lacking in ordinary people.

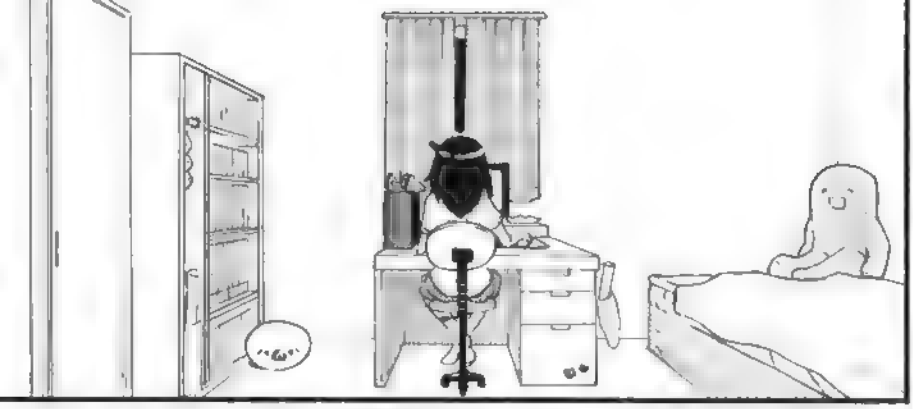
I mean, I figured out this riding thing so easily yesterday with that power, right?
KIKO (SHINE)
KIKO
I felt like trying to see if I could make it back to my house from yours on my own power.

I'LL BE SEEING YOU AGAIN SOON, AFTER ALL!

IT'S OKAY, TOMOKO-CHAN.
Well, this is all probably making you feel lonely. I'll see you again next year. Give my regards to Auntie too.
Well, this is all probably making you feel lonely. I'll see you again next year. Give my regards to Auntie too.

GUI CRUSH
I AM VERY SORRY FOR THE WORRY MY STUPID DAUGHTER CAUSED YOU.
DING-DONG
IT'S FINE! I ENVY TOMOKO-CHAN'S SPIRIT!
SHE'S REALLY JUST STUPID.
SEE...!?
MY DAUGHTER IS SO QUIET.
WELL, I MADE IT ABOUT TWENTY KILOMETERS!
THEN MY BUTT STARTED ACHING REALLY BAD...
MY BODY COULD HAVE MADE IT THE WHOLE WAY IF NOT FOR THAT.
IT WAS ALL THE DAMN BIKE'S FAULT!
SO, YEAH, I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO HAVE MY MOM COME GET ME.....
I HAVE SO MANY MORE THINGS TO TEACH YOU THE NEXT TIME WE MEET.....!

No Matter How I Look at It, It's You Guys' Fault I'm Not Popular!



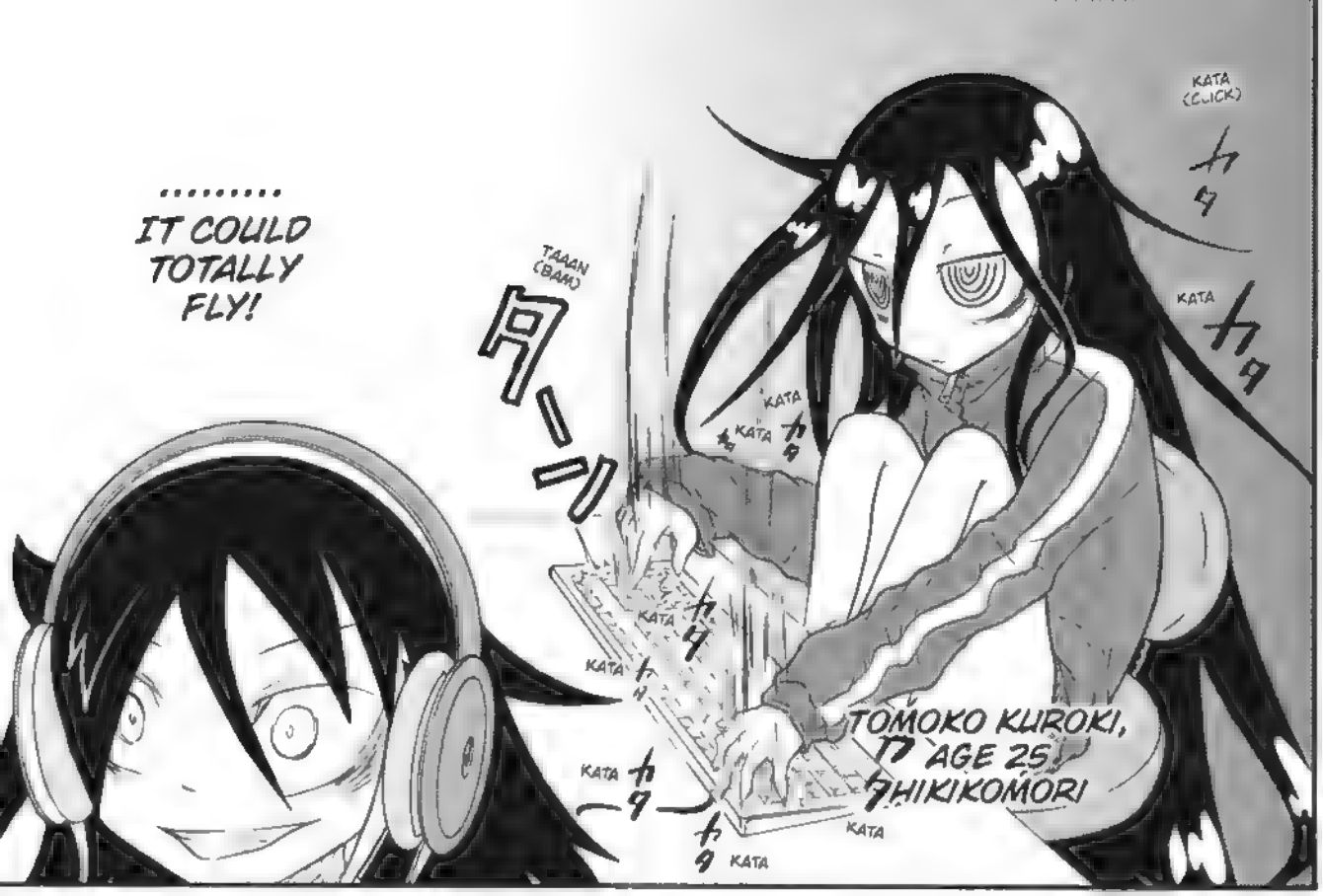
FAIL 63: I'M NOT POPULAR, SO I WANT TO PROLONG SUMMER BREAK.

THAT WOULD SURE BE SWEET. IT'D BE SO CHILL... IT'D BE SUMMER BREAK EVERY DAY...
IF I BECAME A NEET, I WONDER IF EVERY DAY WOULD BE LIKE THIS?

ALREADY LIGHT OUT... SUMMER NIGHTS SURE GO BY FAST...

UNLIKE A GUY, I COULD ALWAYS TURN MY LIFE AROUND BY SIMPLY FINDING SOMEONE TO SUPPORT ME...
MOM ASIDE, DAD SEEMS LIKE HE'D LET ME GET AWAY WITH BEING A NEET UNTIL I'M TWENTY-FIVE OR SO...

UNLIKE A GUY, I COULD STILL TURN MY LIFE AROUND BY GETTING MARRIED, EVEN AS A NEET...
...THE LIKELI-HOOD THAT I'D BE BETTER LOOKING THAN THE AVERAGE TWENTY-FIVE-YEAR-OLD IS PRETTY HIGH!
NO, WAIT, IT COULD ACTUALLY WORK...! IF I LED A STRESS-FREE LIFE OUT OF THE SUN UNTIL I WAS TWENTY-FIVE...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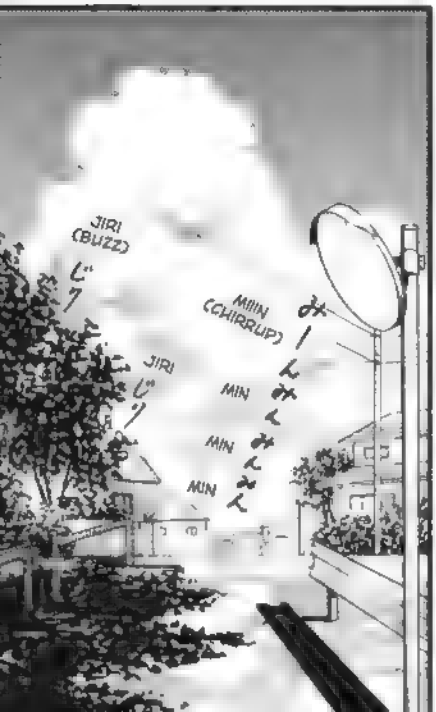
IT COULD TOTALLY FLY!
TAAAN (BAM)
KATA (CLICK)
KATA
TOMOKO KUROKI, AGE 25, HIKIKOMORI

IT'S TOO RISKY UNLESS I HAVE SOME GUARANTEE THAT I COULD STAY A NEET FOR LIFE.....
THAT SAID... IF BY SOME CHANCE I DIDN'T FIND SOMEONE TO MARRY, I'D BE STUCK WITHOUT ANY EDUCATION OR EMPLOYMENT HISTORY, HUH?


JIRI (BUZZ)
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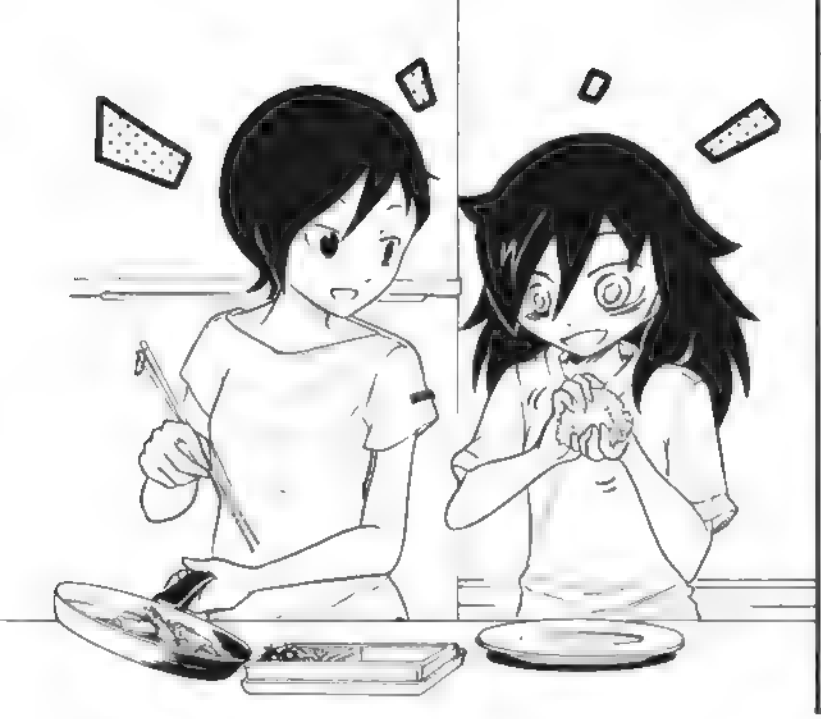
SO IN TERMS OF SOMEONE SUPPORTING ME FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE, THAT LEAVES.....
...WILL BE DEAD BEFORE ME.....!
BOTH DAD...
...AND MOM...

...ONLY ONE OTHER OPTION .....
GOOO (WHRRR)



YOU REALLY DIDN'T HAVE TO... WHY NOT GO CRASH ?
I STAYED UP TILL NOW TO DO THIS JUST FOR YOU.

MOM MADE THE FILLINGS, THOUGH.
HEY, CHECK IT OUT! I MADE THE RICE BALLS FOR YOUR LUNCH TODAY!

.....
WELL, IF I HAVE TO EXPAND ON MY GOOD DEED... IT WOULD BE GREAT IF YOU'D KEEP THIS IN MIND WHEN YOU'RE AN ADULT.

NOTHING!
ACTUALLY, WHAT ARE YOU UP TO? THERE'S GOTTA BE SOME CATCH TO ALL THIS. SPIT IT OUT ALREADY.

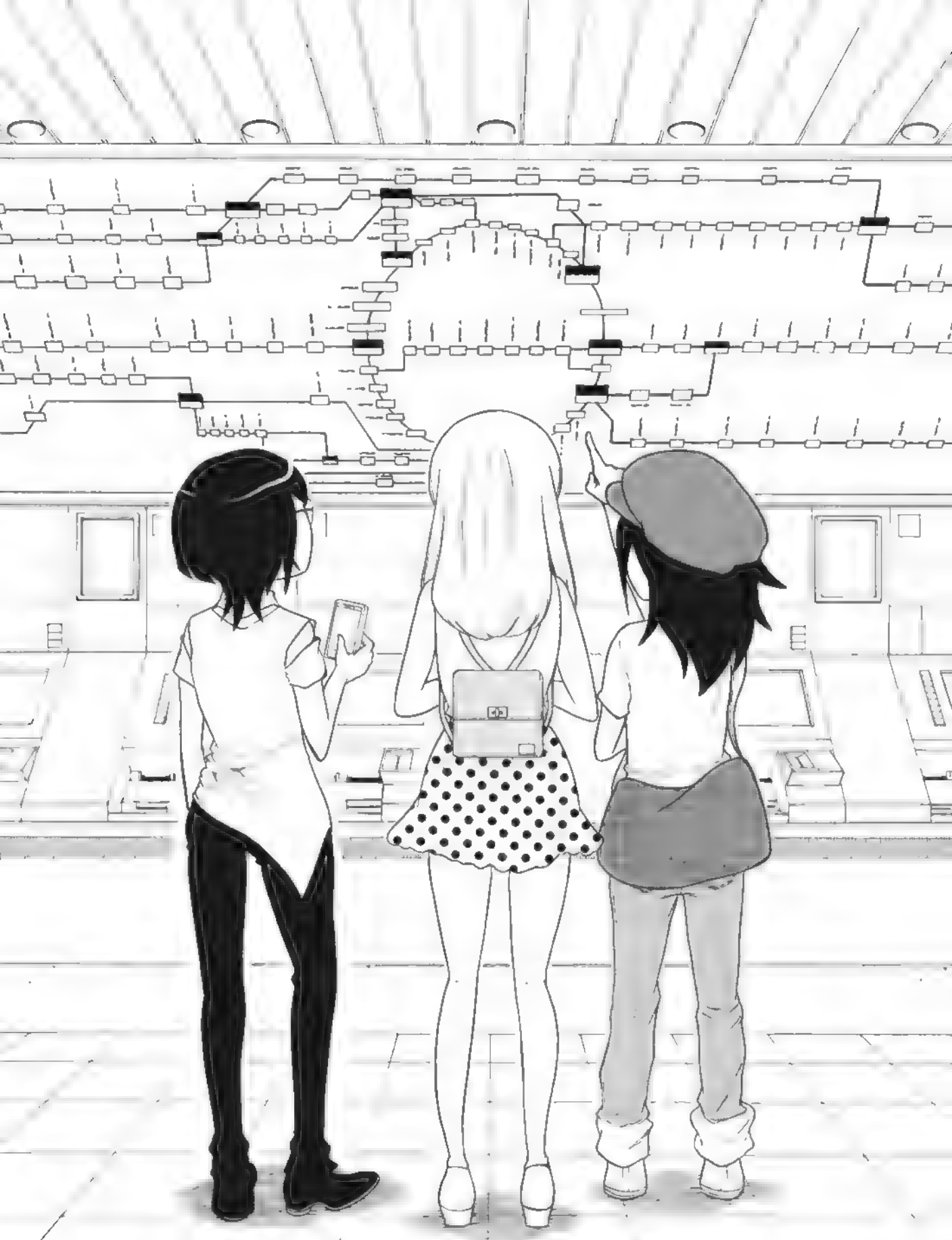
.....
I HAD A LITTLE FREE TIME DURING MY BREAK, SO I SIMPLY FIGURED I'D DO SOME-THING NICE FOR MY KID BROTHER.

BA (YANK)
TO (TMP)
TO
TAKE CARE! SEE YOU LATER-RRR!

BOTTLE: TEA

KACHI
KACHI (CLICK)
I HAVE TO GET TO WORK NOW. I'M LEAVING YOUR FOOD HERE.
I'LL INVEST A LITTLE OF MY SUMMER BREAK TIME IN YOU NOW, BUT I'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU SHOULD I DECIDE TO TAKE A BREAK FROM LIFE IN THE FUTURE!!

No Matter How I Look at It, It's You Guys' Fault I'm Not Popular!



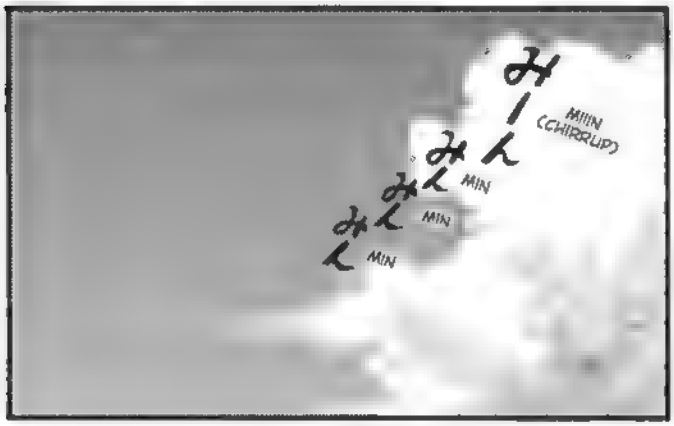
FAIL 64: I'M NOT POPULAR, SO I'LL DO SUMMER BREAK IN A TRIO.

AUGUST 4TH • BUG COLLECTING

JUST LIKE WE PLANNED, TODAY'S THE DAY WE GO BUG COL-LECTING!
AUGUST 4TH
TH-THANK YOU!
ANY LIVING INSECT COUNTS. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS CATCH 'EM.
HERE, YUU-CHAN, YOU CAN USE MY NET.
I SAID IT WAS GOOD TO HAVE A GOAL, DIDN'T I?
ARE WE REALLY DOING THAT MAKING-A-BUNCH-OF-BUGS-EAT-EACH-OTHER CURSE THING YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT?
OKAY, LET'S SPLIT UP AND GO ON THE HUNT!
I'LL KILL YOU.
SO YOU'LL BE FINE CATCHING BUGS FREEHAND, YEAH?
KOMIYAMA-SAN, YOU SEEM LIKE YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE LIVING WITH ROACHES AND STUFF.

WHAT'LL I DO? I'M NO GOOD WITH BUGS... I CAN'T DO THIS ALONE ...

I THINK THERE'S SOME-THING BIG UP THERE .....!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MIIN (CHIRRUP)
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GYU (CLENCH)
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..... WELL, I DID SEE SOME COCK-ROACH-ES...
THEY'RE ALMOST ALL PILL BUGS AND LADY-BUGS..... WEREN'T THERE ANY CENTI-PEDES OR ANYTHING?

BARA
BARA (SCATTER)
ZAZA (RUSTLE)

A RHINOCEROS BEETLE!?
EVEN IF WE LEAVE THEM ALONE, WON'T THEY JUST DRY UP AND DIE INSTEAD OF EATING EACH OTHER?
HRM...
OH...
UM, I HAVE ONE TOO...

I HAD NO IDEA!
WOW, I HAVEN'T SEEN ONE IN AGES.
THEY GO FOR AROUND ¥1,500 AT YOK●DO.
THOSE ARE RARE, SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO ADD IT TO THIS.

STILL, I GOTTA SAY, YOU DID SEEM KEEN ON THE IDEA OF CURSING SOMEONE, KOMIYAMA-SAN .....
I'D PLANNED ON DOING THAT FROM THE START. I JUST WANTED THE THREE OF US TO HAVE FUN TOGETHER.
MIN みん
MIN (CHIRRUP) みん

RATTLE
EHI? OH! GOOD IDEA!
THEN, LET'S SET THE OTHER BUGS FREE TOO. POOR THINGS.

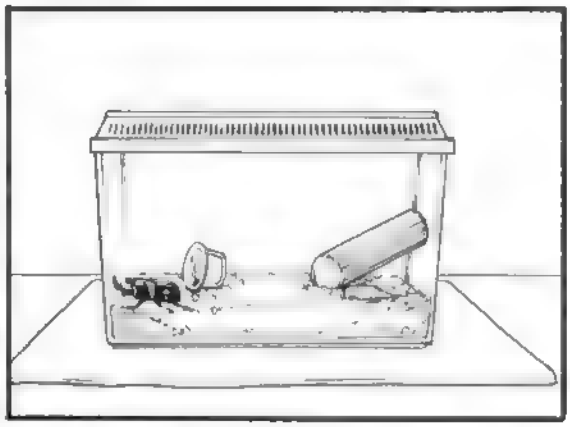
KASA (RUSTLE)
カサ
カサ
KASA

'KAY!
I'VE GOT AN INSECT CAGE AND STUFF AT HOME YOU CAN HAVE 'EM.

EH? CAN YOU DO THAT?
SINCE YOU CAUGHT IT, WHY NOT TRY KEEPING IT AS A PET?

EVENING

IT'S KINDA CUTE...



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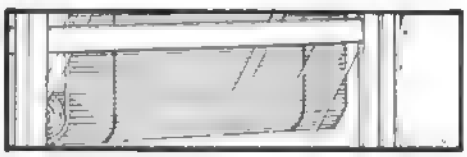

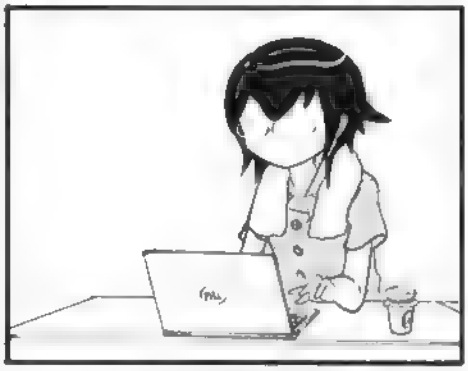

Gaagle
Centipede Food
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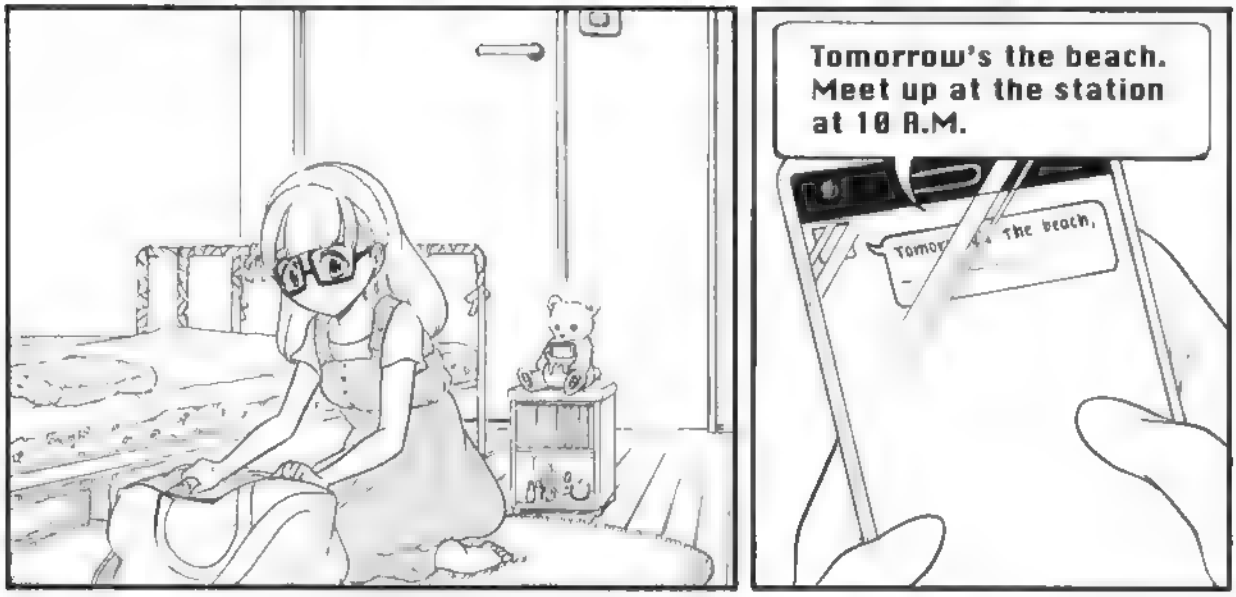
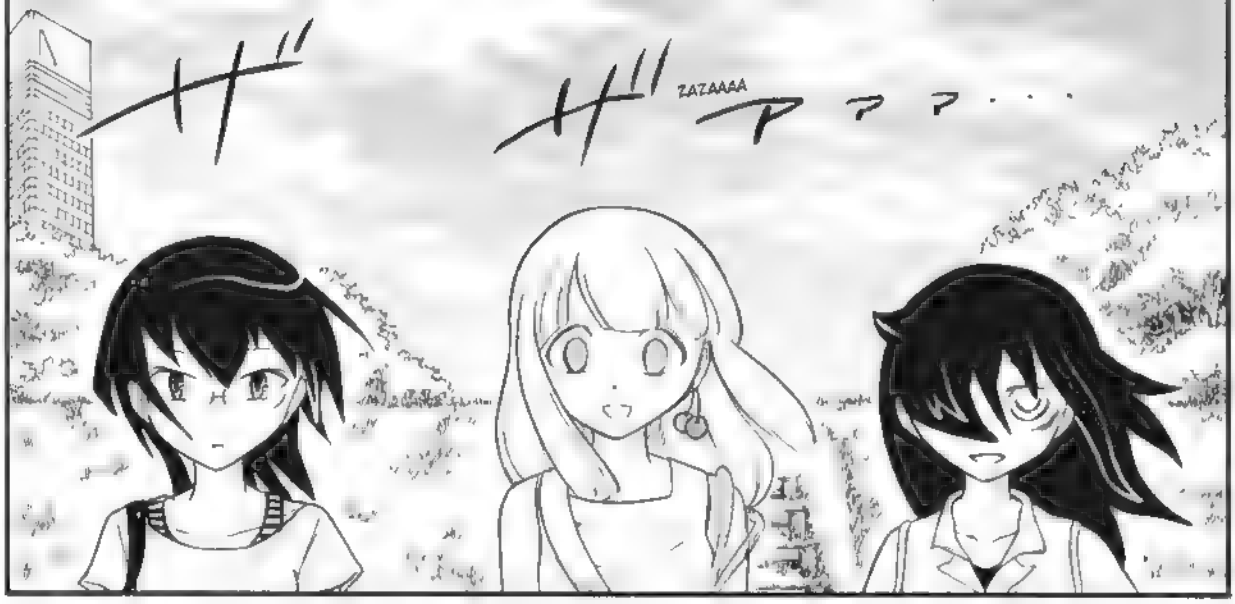
AUGUST 10TH • SWIMMING IN THE OCEAN



I WONDER IF MOKOCCHI AND KOMI-CHAN ALREADY BOUGHT THEIR SWIMSUITS?
I'M SO EXCITED! I CAN'T BELIEVE THE THREE OF US ARE GOING TO THE BEACH TOGETHER!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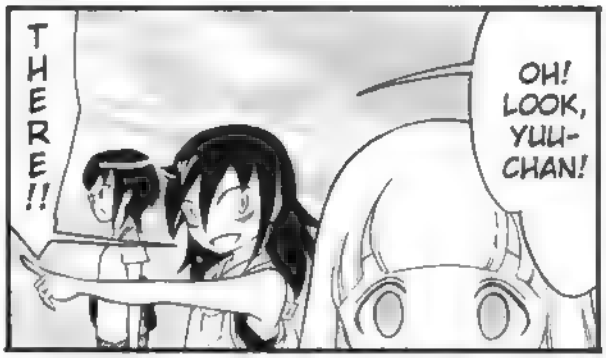
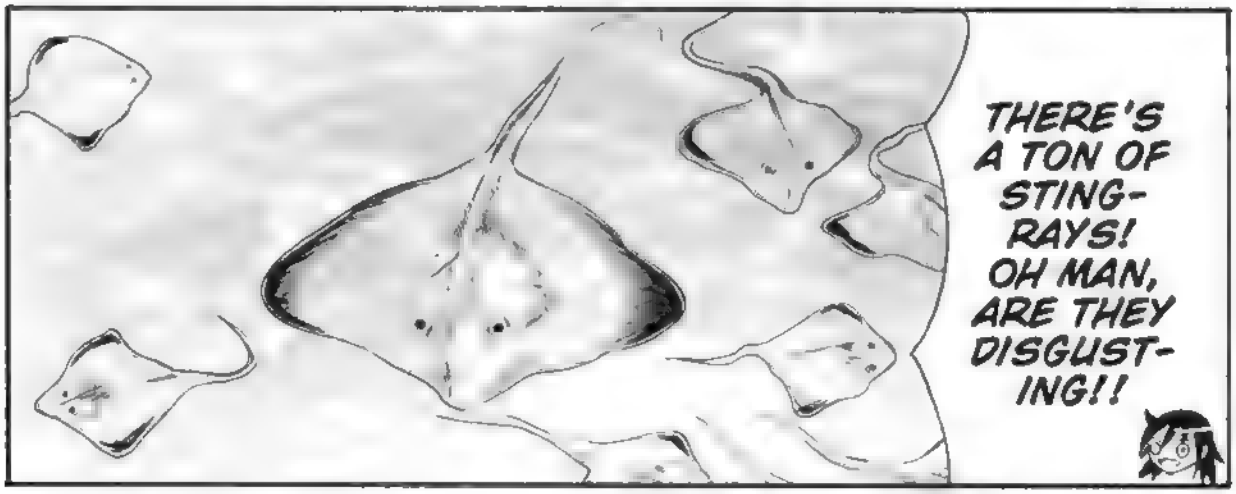

OH! LOOK, YUU-CHAN!
THERE!!

At Makuhari Beach:
No Swimming
No Fireworks
No Grilling
Chiba Prefecture


THERE'S A TON OF STING-RAYS! OH MAN, ARE THEY DISGUST-ING!!

WHEEEE!
DON (WHAM)
UWAAH!!?
BACHA (SPLASH)

!
WHOOOA ... THAT'S REALLY GROSS .....

ZAZAAAN
ZAZAAAN (FSSSH)
DOOO NOT.
QUIT IT, YOU IDIOT!
THOSE THINGS STING!!
IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, THEN YOU FIGURE IT OUT!
EH!!?
THAT'S WHY I PICKED THIS NEARBY BEACH FOR US TO VISIT!
I DON'T HAVE A SWIM-SUIT... AND NEITHER DO YOU! WEREN'T YOU ALL "WHAT DO WE DO" ABOUT IT!?
HISO (PSST)
HISO
'Cos you picked such a filthy beach, duh!
Yuu-chan's had rope eyes for a while now. How come?
ZAZAAA
YOU SAID IT!
BEACHES NEAR INDUSTRIAL AREAS REALLY ARE SOMETHING ELSE!
YOU SAID IT!
A-ANYWAY, THE OCEAN HERE'S PITCH-BLACK. I WONDER IF IT'S 'COS OF THOSE FACTORIES OVER THERE?

ZAZAAA
YOU'RE RIGHT! WHAT COULD IT BE!?
OH! SOMETHING JUST WASHED ASHORE THERE!
ZAZAAAA
WOULDN'T SEE THIS AT ANY OTHER BEACH!!
OH, AWESOME! A SHRIVELED-UP STINGRAY!!
DA (DASH)
I WAS REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.
I'M SO GLAD THE THREE OF US GOT TO COME TO THE BEACH TODAY!
Y-YOU WERE? TH-THAT'S GREAT ...
HEH HEH HEH!

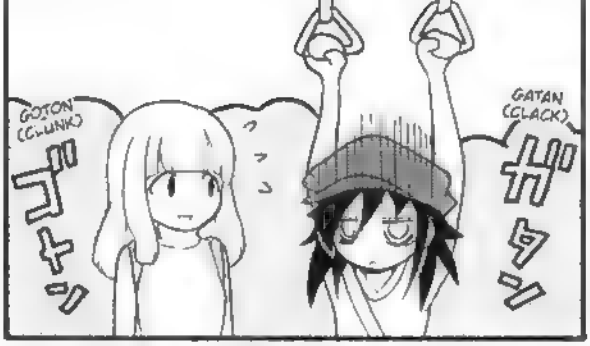
!!?
YEP... SO.....

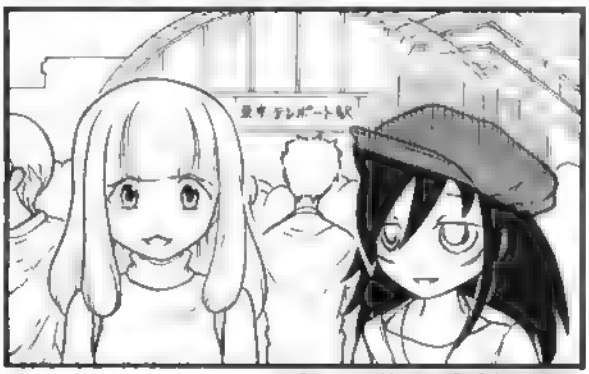
WHY AM I...?
WHAT THE—? SORRY!
PORO (DROP)
PORO

I-I'M SORRY, YUU-CHAN! I JUST PICKED A BEACH IN WALKING DISTANCE!! WE'LL GO TO A NICE, CLEAN BEACH FAR AWAY NEXT TIME!
NO, IT'S OKAYYY! THERE ARE STINGRAYS HERE! IT'S REALLY FUN!
N-NARUSE-SAN, WE'LL GO AND BUY SWIMSUITS RIGHT NOW, SO WHY DON'T WE GET OUT OF HERE ALREADY !?
BUT WE ALL FINALLY MADE IT TO THE BEACH, SO LET'S STAY JUST A BIT LONGER.
N-NEXT WEEK..... IS COMIKET, SO AFTER... AFTER THAT... WE'LL GO TO THE BEACH AGAIN!!

AUGUST 17TH • COMIKET

Please proceed with care.
国際展示場駅
GATAN (CLACK)
AUGUST 17TH
GOTON (CLUNK)
WON'T WE JUST BE LINING UP AGAIN TO GO ALL THE WAY OVER THERE? WE'LL BE QUEUING UP IN THE HALL TOO, RIGHT?
WHAT'S THIS DEAL WITH HAVING TO WAIT IN LINE FOR CLOSE TO THIRTY MINUTES JUST TO LEAVE THE SUBWAY STATION?
...AND NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I DON'T WANT BOOKS AND STUFF ENOUGH TO GO THROUGH THIS.....
WELL, LIKE, IT'S JUST DUDES HERE... AND IT KINDA SMELLS ...
HUNH!?
I THINK I'VE ALREADY HAD ENOUGH... I'M LEAVING .....





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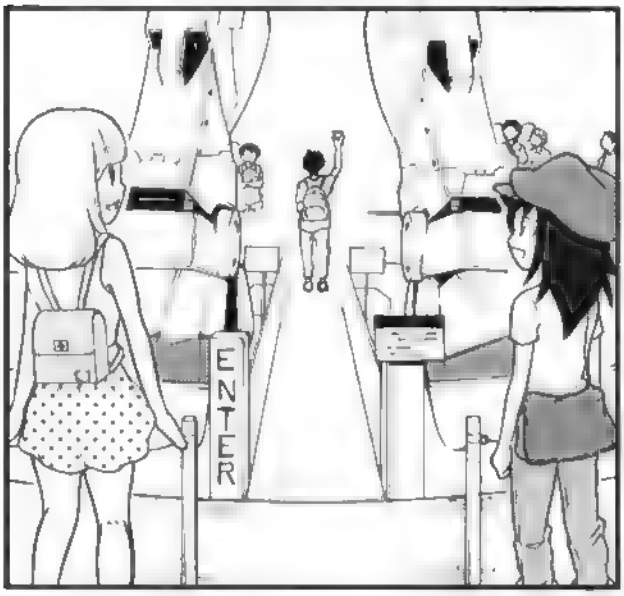
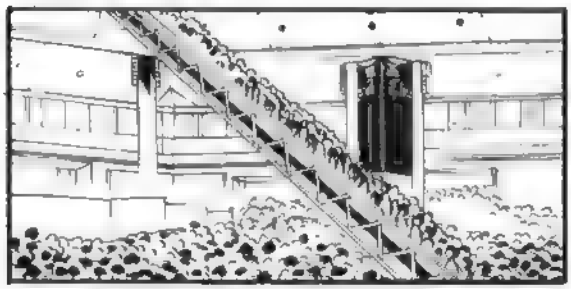
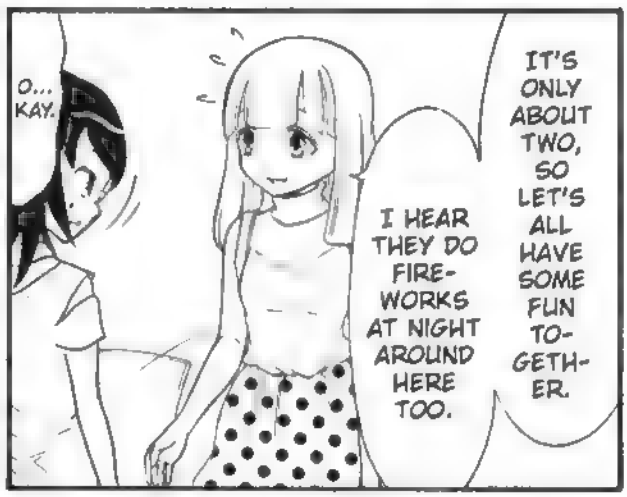




EVEN OTAKU END UP BORING WHEN YOU GET 'EM TOGETHER.
MAAAN, THERE REALLY ARE JERKS AT COMIKET WHO SAY LAME THINGS LIKE "HUMANS ARE LIKE TRASH!"

THE THIRD DAY IS MOSTLY FOR PORN AIMED AT MEN...
SO, I FOUND OUT COMIKET RUNS FOR THREE DAYS, AND WOMEN NORMALLY GO ON THE FIRST OR SECOND DAY...

WELL... I DID FIND SOME RARE STUFF, SO...
SO YOU DIDN'T END UP BUYING ANY-THING?


O... KAY.
I HEAR THEY DO FIRE-WORKS AT NIGHT AROUND HERE TOO.
IT'S ONLY ABOUT TWO, SO LET'S ALL HAVE SOME FUN TO-GETH-ER.

.....DAMMIT! WHAT THE HECK DID SHE BUY? IS IT FETISH PORN...? SHOULD I HAVE GONE WITH HER AFTER ALL?

NAH, NOTHING WORTH SHOWING OFF.....
STUFF? WHAT KINDA STUFF?

MOKO-CCHI, DON'T!
LET'S SEE WHAT SHE GOT.
GASA (RUSTLE)
GOSO (DIG)
I'M GOING TO THE REST-ROOM.
LOTTI QVC FIELD - ALL 72 MATCHES
ロッチ@VG 全72試合
SPECTATOR REPORT ANTHOLOGY
LOTTI YOUNG PLAYERS
2013 STREET CLOTHES COLLECTION
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&
FASHION TIPS
YEAH... TOTALLY GLAD... I DIDN'T GO IN WITH HER...

No Matter How I Look at It, It's You Guys' Fault I'm Not Popular!

FAIL 65: I'M NOT POPULAR, SO I'LL GO TO THE BEACH.

TEN DAYS PRIOR
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I DIDN'T REALIZE IT WHEN WE CAME LAST TIME, BUT A LOT OF THESE SWIMSUITS ARE LIKE REGULAR CLOTHES.
YEAH, PLENTY OF PEOPLE DON'T LIKE TO SHOW SKIN.

SIGNS: SUMMER CLEARANCE SWIMSUIT FAIR

WHAT IS THIS!? IT'S IN LADIES', BUT WOULDN'T IT BE MORE FOR A 2:50 ROUTINE? HOW DO YOU EVEN WEAR IT?
LIKE THIS?
BUT THEN YOU'D BE TOP-LESS!
.....!
ISN'T THIS CUTE, YUU-CHAN?
EH!? UM... YEAH, SURE.

KOMI-YAMA-SAN, YUU-CHAN SAID THIS IS CUTE.
EH!?
WHAT IS THIS SUPPOSED TO BE? DOESN'T SIT RIGHT WITH ME AT ALL...
WHAT ABOUT WHEN YOU PUT IT ON?
I'M PRETTY SURE THAT'D COUNT AS GROSS INDE-CENCY!

AND I CAN GET AWAY WITH NOT SHOWING AS MUCH SKIN IN THIS, SO IT MIGHT WORK PRETTY WELL...
I REMEMBER HOW FLOWERY, SKINTIGHT PANTS WERE IN NOT THAT LONG AGO.....
STILL, WHEN IT COMES TO FASHION, THE POPULAR TRENDS ALL SEEM LAME TO ME, SO MAYBE IT'S FINE?
GACHA (KACHAK)
SIGN: CAUTION
DOORS: OCCUPIED / OCCUPIED / FREE / OCCUPIED
WELL, IT'S A BIT EMBARRASSING, BUT...
...IN THIS LEVEL OF SWIMWEAR, I CAN JUST ABOUT GO OUTSIDE—
GACHA
OH, MOKO-CCHI!

JIII (STARE)
D-DO I LOOK WEIRD?
A BUNCH OF PEOPLE PARADING AROUND OUTDOORS IN RAUNCHY GETUPS LIKE THIS. THE BEACH REALLY IS THE WORST.
THAT'S A CUTE SWIMSUIT!
JIII
EH!? WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?
UH, NO, YOU'RE INCREDIBLY CUTE. SO CUTE THAT IF I WERE A GUY, I'D BE THINKING, "OOH! I HAVE TO GET HER KNOCKED UP!"
WH-WHAT?
.....
EH? HUH?
YOU'RE SUCH A CREEP-ER.
SO CUTE THAT IF I WERE IN THE DIET, I'D INVITE YOU TO A TEA PARTY.
KOMI STYLE
OH! KOMI-CHAN!

DAMN YOU, SUPER-PERV! WHO TOLD YOU TO LOOK COOL!?
OH, BUT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO MADE IT WORK, RIGHT?
THANKS FOR SUG-GESTING THIS SUIT, NARUSE-SAN.
SHE'S ACTUALLY WEARING IT STYLISHLY !?
WHOA...
FURA (WOBBLE)
ふら
ZAZAA
ZAAAN (FSSSH)
ザアーン
ZABU (SPLASH)
ザブ
ZABU
ザブ

A BEACH MAY BE NOTHING MORE THAN A PRIMITIVE PLAYGROUND OF SALINE WATER AND SAND.....
...BUT NOW THAT I'M HERE, IT'S ACTU-ALLY PRETTY FUN...
ZAZAA (FSSSH)

LAST SUMMER, I JUST GROVELED TO A BOY AND SHOOK A VOICE ACTOR'S HAND.
.....

IF I THINK ABOUT IT, THIS HAS BEEN A PRETTY NICE, FULL SUMMER, HASN'T IT?
FESTI-VAL...
BEACH ...
ODAIBA ...
FIRE-WORKS ...
COUN-TRY-SIDE...

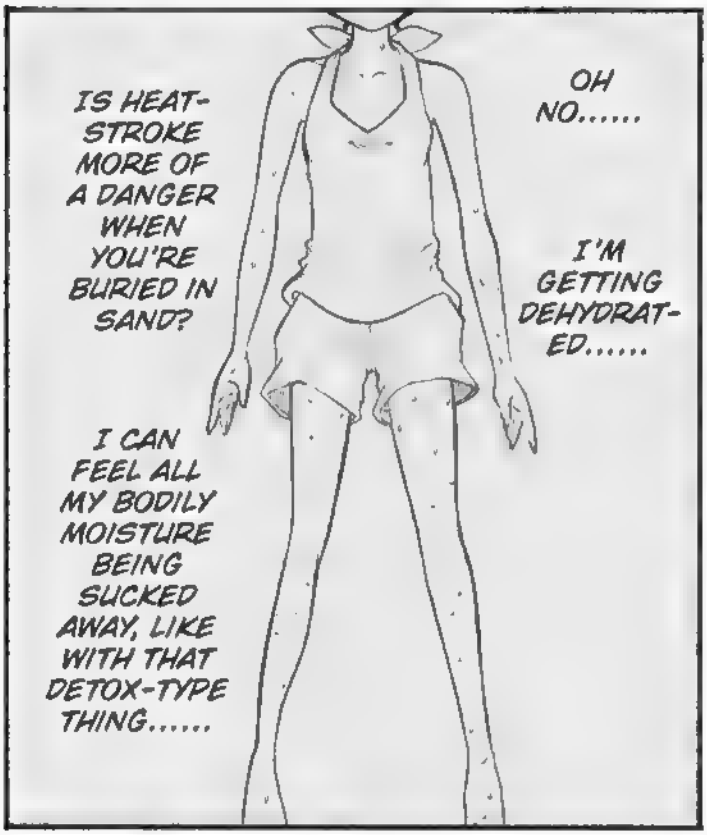
I'VE JUST BEEN HANGING OUT WITH OTHER GIRLS, LIKE THE PROTAG IN A MOE-BLOB ANIME ADAPTED FROM A FOUR-PANEL MANGA!!
PETA (PAT)
PETA

HUH!? WAIT, UNLIKE LAST YEAR, I HAVEN'T DONE A SINGLE THING WITH A GUY EVEN ONCE THIS YEAR!

THIS IS NO TIME TO BE BURIED IN SAND!!
POCORI!
MOKO-CCHI, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?
OH! THEN, I'LL COME WITH YOU.
THERE'S STILL TEN DAYS OF SUMMER BREAK LEFT!!
PETA
PETA
I'M GOING TO BUY DRINKS REAL QUICK.
WHILE THEY'RE AWAY, I'M GONNA PLAY!
SINCE I'M ALREADY HERE AT THE BEACH, I'LL LET MYSELF GET HIT ON ONCE OR TWICE AND SATISFY MY WOMAN'S CRAVING FOR ATTEN-TION!
GU
GU
GU
GU (JERK)
IF I WALK AROUND BY MYSELF, SOME GUY SHOULD MAKE A PASS AT ME.

JIRI
JIRI (SIZZLE)
JIRI
NOW I CAN'T DO ANYTHING BESIDES WAIT FOR THEM TO GET BACK...

YUU-CHAN, HOW MUCH DID YOU PILE ON ME!? DAMMIT!
I CAN'T MOVE AT ALL!!


IS HEAT-STROKE MORE OF A DANGER WHEN YOU'RE BURIED IN SAND?
OH NO.....
I'M GETTING DEHYDRAT-ED.....
I CAN FEEL ALL MY BODILY MOISTURE BEING SUCKED AWAY, LIKE WITH THAT DETOX-TYPE THING.....

JIRI
JIRI

KA (GLARE)

I CAN'T EVEN SHED TEARS ABOUT THIS!!
ALL I DID WAS COME TO THE BEACH. WHY DO I HAVE TO HAVE A BRUSH WITH DEATH?

WHY AREN'T THEY COMING BACK...?
KAAA
WHERE'S MY POC●RI?

AH HA HA!
THEN I COULD HAVE THEM DIG ME OUT!
DAMMIT... I'M A WOMAN BURIED IN THE SAND OVER HERE BY MYSELF. THEY COULD AT LEAST HIT ON ME...
WHAT? SHE IGNORED YOU?
YEAH, JUST BLEW ME OFF.
UH... UM... E- EXCUSE ME...
AFTER ALL MY BIG PLANS TO GET HIT ON, I CAN'T BELIEVE I HAVE TO RESORT TO A REVERSE PICKUP...
.....DO I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO CALL OUT TO THEM...?
.....
.....
UH...
UMMM...
I'M...
I'M BURIED HERE!
HUH!?
SURE!
WANNA GRAB SOME FOOD?

SHIT! THE NEXT GUY TO WALK BY HAS TO BE A FOR-EIGNER!?
BUT IT'S TOO LATE FOR ME TO BE SHY ABOUT THIS!!
THERE SHE IS!
I THINK SO...
MAY-BE THIS WAY?
TA (DASH)
TA
TA

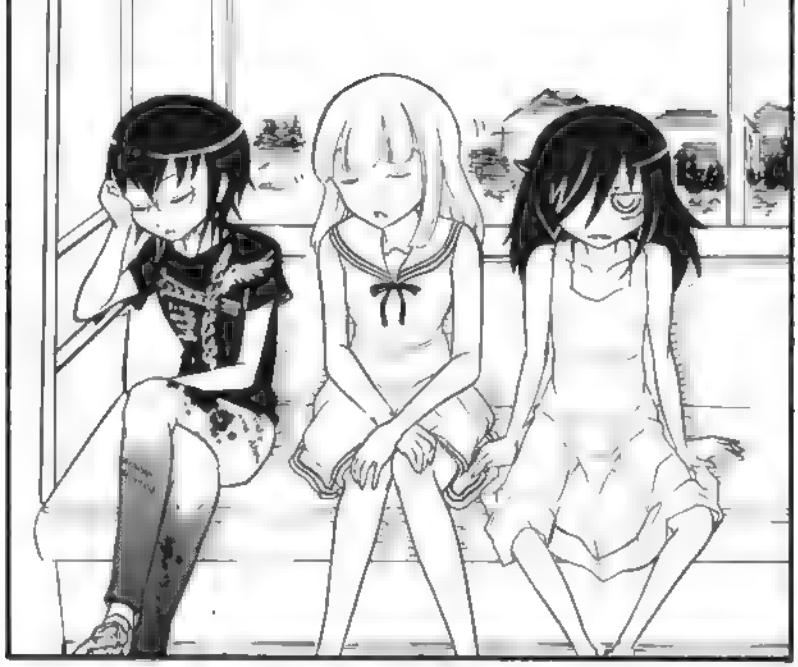
<DIG ME!?
<DIG!>
<NO, NO!>
ACK, I MESSED UP!! I MEANT <"HELP ME"!!>
<F●CK ME!!>

ZAAAAA (FSSSH)
MOKOCCHI, I'M SORRY WE TOOK SO LONG...
<DIG...>

THEY WERE OFF PLAYING TAG WITH BOYS ON THE BEACH WHILE I WAS THIS CLOSE TO DEATH...!?
SO WE GOT LOST WHILE TRYING TO GET AWAY FROM THEM...
THERE WERE THESE TWO GUYS WHO WOULDN'T QUIT HITTING ON US, ESPECIALLY NARUSE-SAN.
GO (CHUG)
GO
GOKU (GULP)
WHA —?
GET IN, YOU TWO.
?
ZA (SCRAPE)
ZA
THERE, NOW YOU SEE WHAT IT'S LIKE NOT BEING ABLE TO MOVE.
TEKU (STEP)
TEKU
I'LL BE BACK IN ABOUT THIRTY.
.....
GEEZ.
WHO ACTUALLY DOES THIS?
BOKO (PLOP)
ZARA (CRUMBLE)

SHE'S PROB-ABLY HAVING FUN IN HER OWN WAY.
ALL RIGHT! NOW IT'S MY TURN TO GET HIT ON!
NOT THAT I'LL BE GOING OFF WITH THEM, OF COURSE! I'M NO SLUT!
YOU THINK SO?
NO, I DON'T THINK THAT'S IT.
SHE'S ENDED UP HAVING AN AWFUL TIME ALL BECAUSE I INSISTED ON US COMING TO THE BEACH.
ME TOO! SUMMER BREAK HAS BEEN LOTS OF FUN WITH YOU TWO.
YEP.
IF KUROKI-SAN AND I HADN'T HUNG OUT WITH YOU, NARUSE-SAN, WE BOTH WOULD'VE HAD A BORING SUMMER.
IN THAT CASE, PLAYING WITH YUU-CHAN WOULD BE BETTER...
THIRTY MIN-UTES LATER
JUST WHAT YOU'D EXPECT OF PERVY BEACH MONKEYS ...
THEY'RE ONLY AFTER TRAMPS IN SKIMPY SWIMSUITS .....
TEKU (STEP)
TEKU

OH!? MOKO-CCHI!
DON'T MISUNDER-STAND. YOU ONLY GOT HIT ON By BEING AN ACCESSORY TO YUU-CHAN.
SHE'S THE SAME AS EVER...
THANK GOOD-NESS! WE WERE WAITING.
BUT WE GOT TANGLED UP WITH WEIRDOS AGAIN, THANKS TO YOU TAKING YOUR TIME.
BLERGH
THERE ARE BANANA BOATS OVER THERE, SO LET'S ALL RIDE ONE TO-GETHER.
YEAH, LET'S. I CAN CONSOLE MYSELF BY RIDING A SUGGESTIVE VEHICLE.



GATAN (CLACK)
ガタン
GOTON (CLUNK)
ゴトン

YUU-CHAN'S SCENT MIXED WITH THE OCEAN.

I LIKED THE BEACH WELL ENOUGH ...
...EVEN THOUGH I WAS FLIRTING WITH DEATH AT ONE POINT..

WELL, I GUESS SPENDING EVEN AN UNEVENTFUL TIME IN THE COMPANY OF GIRLS À LA MOE-BLOB ANIME ISN'T A BAD WAY TO END THE SUMMER .....

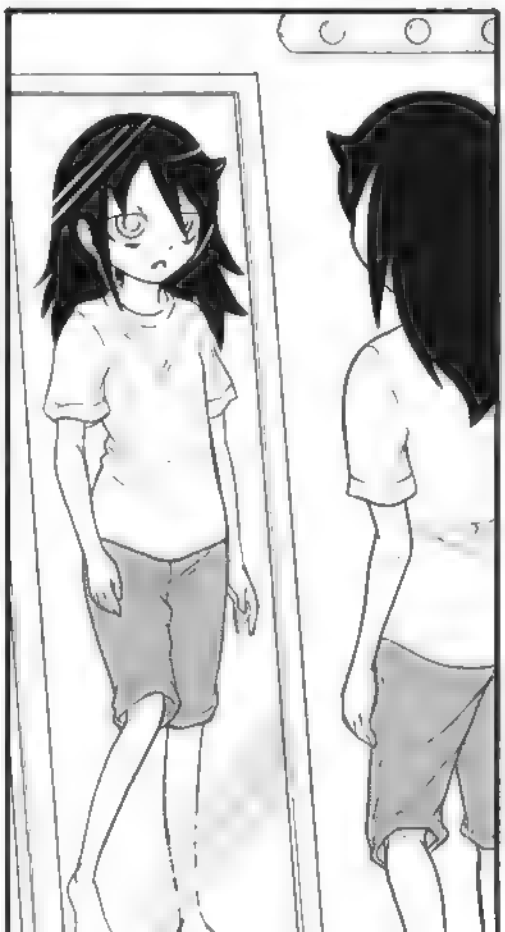
SO IN THE END, I ONLY ENDED UP GETTING ACTION FROM YUU-CHAN. I DIDN'T INTERACT WITH ANY GUYS AT ALL.....

No Matter How I Look at It, It's You Guys' Fault I'm Not Popular!

FAIL 66: I'M NOT POPULAR, SO I'LL USE THE POWER OF SUGGESTION.

CLOCK: SATURDAY

IF I DON'T SOMEHOW GET MY MIND IN GEAR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1ST, I MIGHT JUST TURN TRUANT.....
GI (STRETCH)
THERE'S THE CLASS TRIP THIS YEAR TOO. SERIOUSLY, I DON'T WANNA GO BACK.



YOU ACTU-ALLY...
ARE .....

CHUN (TWEET)
チュン
THE NEXT DAY
チュン
CHUN

YOU ACTU-ALLY-YY...
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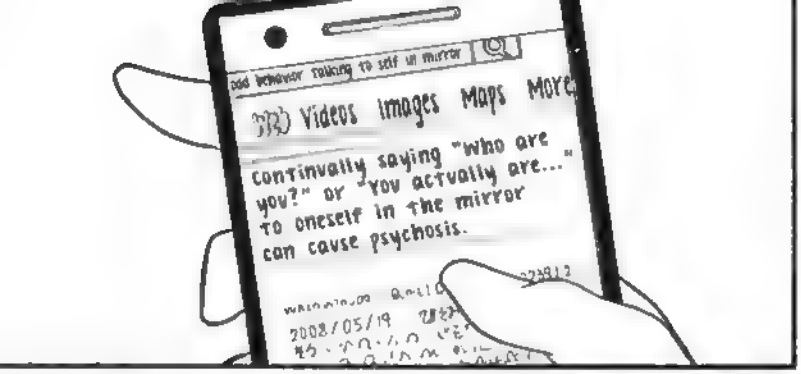
OH HEY... ARE YOU GOING TO SCHOOL?
LUCKY YOU! I WANNA GO TO SCHOOL NOW TOO...


odd behavior talking to self in mirror
Videos Images Maps More
Continually saying "Who are you?" or "You actually are..." to oneself in the mirror can cause psychosis.
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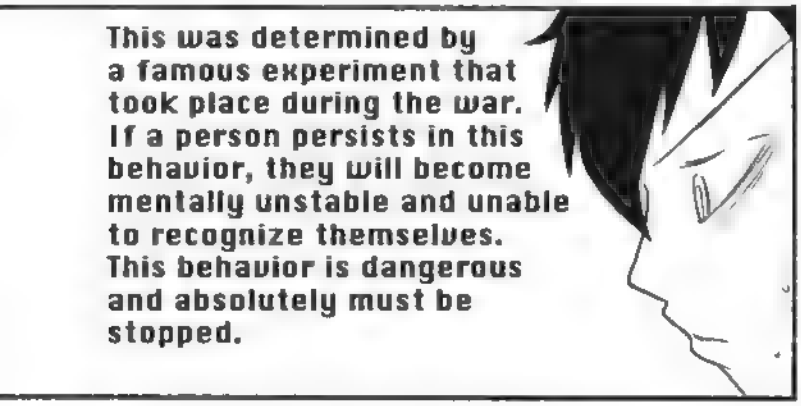
This was determined by a famous experiment that took place during the war. If a person persists in this behavior, they will become mentally unstable and unable to recognize themselves. This behavior is dangerous and absolutely must be stopped.

GATAN (CLACK)
GOTON (CLUNK)
odd behavior talking to self in mirror
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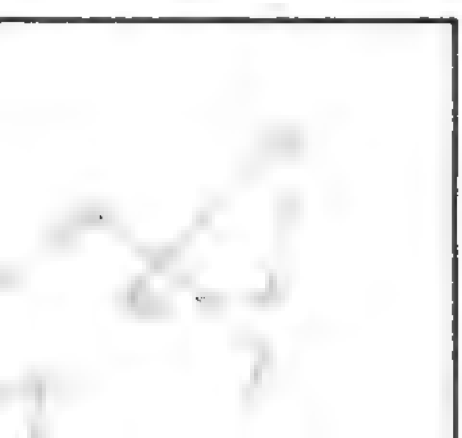
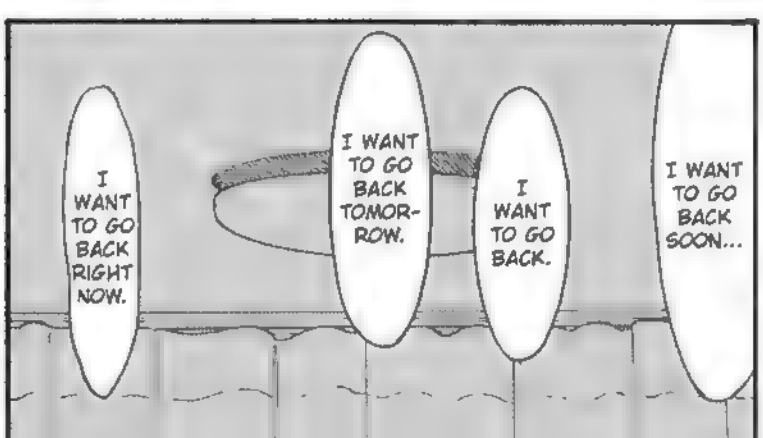
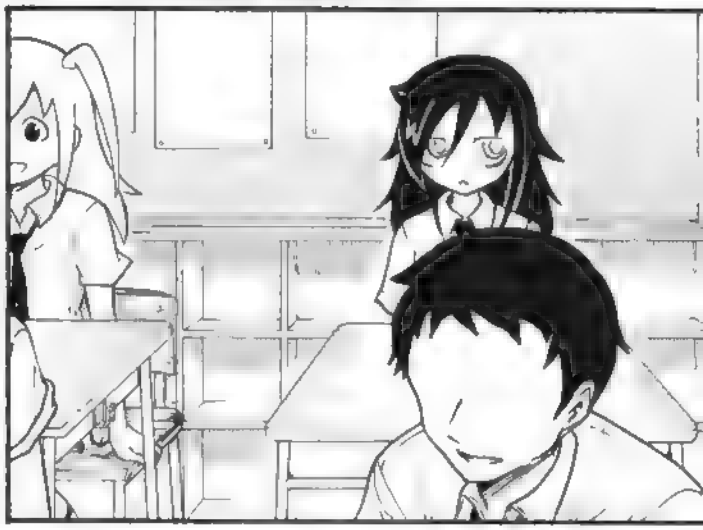
OH BOY... I JUST CAN'T WAIT.
THREE DAYS FROM NOW, SUMMER BREAK ENDS, AND I GET TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL ...




I WANT TO GO BACK RIGHT NOW.
I WANT TO GO BACK TOMOR-ROW.
I WANT TO GO BACK.
I WANT TO GO BACK SOON...

BAG: DOUBLESO CARTON: TASTY MILK / 100% PURE MILK JAR: AKAHATA56 BLUEBERRY JAM



WHAT ABOUT SCHOOL !?
WHAT THE...!? I'M IN BED?
HUH!?
.....OH, I KNOW !!
...IT'S MORN-ING?
!
GARA (SSHNK)
THERE HE IS !!
NO, WAIT, IT'S NOT ENOUGH JUST TO MAKE SURE LIL' BRO'S HERE. I HAVE TO CHECK THE DATE TOO...!!
I'M STILL ON SUMMER BREAK!!
IT'S STILL THE TWENTY-NINTH! IT HASN'T ENDED YET!!
THANK GOOD-NESS!! YOU'RE STILL HOME! YOU'RE HERE FOR ME!!
YOU HAVEN'T LEFT FOR SCHOOL YET!!

I'M GLAD! I'M SO VERY GLAD!!
THANK YOU!! I WON'T SAY I WANNA GO BACK TO SCHOOL EVER AGAIN!!
I'LL ENJOY MY SUMMER BREAK UNTIL THE VERY LAST DAY!!
.....
?

TO BE CONTINUED IN NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT IT, IT'S YOU GUYS' FAULT I'M NOT POPULAR ⊙!

BONUS

KYAAAH!
DON'T ACT OUT SHOUJO MANGA SCENES IRL! WOULDN'T IT BE SCARY TO HAVE THAT STUFF ACTUALLY HAPPEN TO YOU?
Many girls dream of being in a "Wall-bang" sitch!
HUH?
HEY, TRY THAT WALL-BANG THING ON ME.
GARA (SSHNK)
BOOK: JAPANESE DICTIONARY
HELLS NO!
YOU GET ME UP AGAINST THE WALL LIKE SO, THEN RAM YOUR HAND INTO IT THIS WAY...
NO, NOT THAT KINDA BANG...
DON (BANG)
I'VE DONE IT BEFORE, YOU KNOW.
BIKUU (FLINCH)
PLAYING GAME ON LOUD

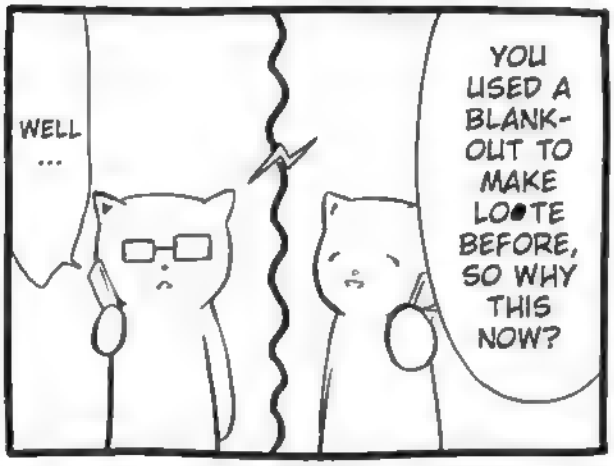
WITH THE HELP OF ASSISTANT YUUJI ASAKURA-SAN

AFTERWORD

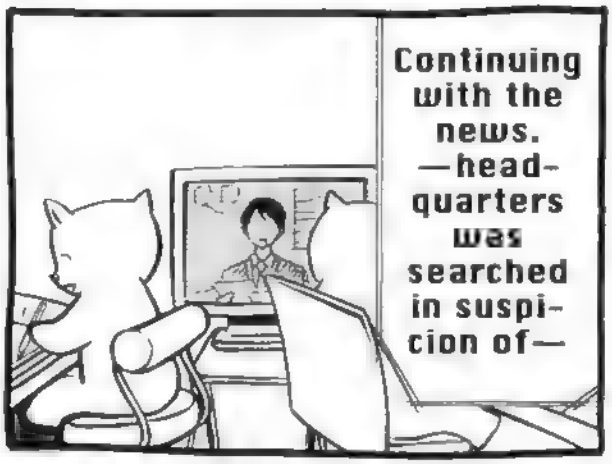
AT WORK ONE DAY (1)

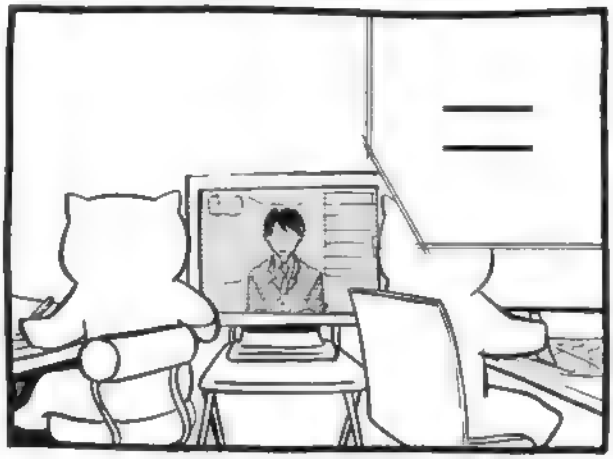
※WHILE WE WERE DRAWING OUR PREVIOUS MANGA *CHOKU!*, CH●GE STARTED A FIGHT WITH A●KA OVER THIS, AND THEY BROKE UP.

REVISION



AT WORK ONE DAY (2)





PAGE 4
The show that makes Tomoko late is Hasbro's ***My Little Pony: Friendship Is Magic***, in which Rainbow Dash is a main character. Rainbow Dash's Japanese voice actress is Izumi Kitta, who also voices Tomoko in the *WataMote* anime series.

PAGE 5
Ignite Pass Kai is a reference to one of the protagonist Kuroko's pass techniques from the manga and anime series *Kuroko's Basketball* by Tadatoshi Fujimaki. This upgrade of Kuroko's original Ignite Pass adds spin to the ball, making it travel in a corkscrew-like path.

PAGE 8
My big sister can't... is another reference to the light novel/anime/manga series, *Oreimo: My Little Sister Can't Be This Cute (Ore no Imouto ga Konna ni Kawaii Wake ga Nai)*.

PAGE 15
Japan's high school baseball **nationals** are a huge deal, and the finals held at Koshien Stadium in Osaka are televised and bring in a massive viewership annually.

PAGE 21
Kodoku (literally "worm poison") is an actual Japanese curse technique based on legend and folklore. It often appears in fictional stories in everything from light novels and manga to television shows.

PAGE 23
The **costume** Komi is thinking of belongs to Shimakaze from *Kantai Collection*, or *~KanColle~*, which features personifications of World War II warships as cute girls. The property started out as a card game but has since expanded to anime and other media.

PAGE 24
Comiket is short for Comic Market, a three-day event held twice a year at the Tokyo International Exhibition Center (aka Big Sight) for buying and selling comics, most of them independent or fan-made works.

PAGE 29
The **holiday** Tomoko is referring to is almost certainly Ocean Day (*Umi no Hi*), which annually falls on the third Monday of July.

PAGE 31
Teppanyaki is a Japanese style of food preparation in which dishes are cooked on a hot metal griddle.

PAGE 32
The **first TV screen** on this page shows Ene, the whimsical A.I. girl from the *Mekakucity Actors* anime, which is based on the *Kagerou Project* property created by Jin. This scene is from the first episode of the anime, which aired in spring 2014.

PAGE 32
This **weird cat picture** of a feline with a couple legs and tail is one that was (supposedly) partially caught by a Google Street View camera in May 2013. It went viral with Japanese netizens, featuring the caption, "Just Passing Through..."

PAGE 32
The scene on the **second TV screen** is from the first episode of the anime adaptation of the light novel series *The Irregular at Magic High School (Mahouka Koukou no Rettousei)*, which aired in spring/summer 2014. Here, the main character is responding to his discovery that the girl with glasses in the next panel can read auras.

PAGE 33
The **birdsong** Tomoko is hearing is the call of an Eastern turtledove, also known as an Oriental turtledove.

PAGE 33
At 7/11 convenience stores in Japan, you buy iced **coffee** by purchasing the cup with ice in it, then adding the coffee at a self-service dispenser.

PAGE 34
The **gameplay vid** Tomoko is watching features *Super Mario World*.

PAGE 41
Yuuki Shimbun (*"Evening Sun Newspaper"*) is a play on *Asahi Shimbun*, an actual Japanese newspaper, the name of which literally means "Morning Sun Newspaper."

PAGE 62
POPTEN is a parody of *POPTEEN*, a monthly teen girls' fashion magazine published by Kadokawa. The issue here appears to be from June 2014.

PAGE 63
Taiyaki is a Japanese pastry in the shape of a red snapper fish, usually containing a sweet filling, like red bean paste.

PAGE 64
The **candy cutout game** (*katanuki*) is popular at Japanese festivals and utilizes small sheets of sugar candy with shapes pressed into them that must be poked out very carefully since they break easily.

PAGE 65
Kachiwari is a frozen treat similar to shaved ice but is more of a clump of ice in a plastic bag with a straw, often with diluted syrup added for flavor. It's known as a treat sold at Koshien Stadium in Osaka, where the national high school baseball championships are held.

PAGE 68
Pudding is a reference to the comedy horror manga series *Franken Fran* by Katsuhisa Kigitsu, in which a girl's dead dog named Pudding is brought back to life by transplanting its brain into the corpse of a dead middle-aged man.

PAGE 72
Of the **creepy sounds** Tomoko is making here, the first two are net slang used when making fun of people or teasing "normals." The last one is a fright sound made by Seiichirou Kitano, the main character of the manga series *Angel Densetsu* by Norihiro Yagi.

PAGE 73
Ms. Eight-Feet-Tall, or *Hasshaku-sama* (literally "Lady Two Meters Forty Centimeters Tall"), is a scary story introduced on the 2ch occult board. It concerns a mysterious woman wearing a white hat and dress, who is tall enough to see over a two-meter-high fence and whose appearance is heralded by the "popo, popoppo, po" seen on page 71.

PAGE 81
The **cycling anime** Tomoko has been watching is *Yowamushi Pedal*, in which an otaku boy joins his high school's competitive road-racing team.

PAGE 82
Tomoko is making a reference to Hirota Kiritani, a shogi player turned investment guru who tried **living solely on stockholder perks** offered by the companies in which he held shares. Kiritani is also known for zipping around on an ordinary utility bicycle.

PAGE 82
Cumming by Climax Bike!! is a reference to the Japanese porn series *Akume Jitensha de Iku!*

TRANSLATION NOTES 2

PAGE 91
Yukkuri Let's Play videos use the electronic Yukkuri Voice Changer app instead of the vid maker's unaltered voice to sound like a nonspecific synthesized voice.

PAGE 92
NEET is the acronym for "Not in Education, Employment, or Training." It was first used in Britain but has been widely adopted in Japan to describe the increased number of people who are either unemployed or disengaged from the working world.

PAGE 93
Hikikomori is another popular term in Japan to describe people who withdraw from society so much that they refuse to leave their homes, sometimes even their rooms.

PAGE 93
In both posture and appearance, **future Tomoko** in Tomoko's daydream resembles Shiro, the little sister of the sibling gaming duo in Yuu Kamiya's light novel series, *No Game No Life*, which has been adapted into both anime and manga.

PAGE 101
The logo on Komi's laptop, **DULL**, is a pun on the name of PC manufacturer, DELL. The original Japanese used "DEBU," which means "fatty."

PAGE 104
Rape eyes (rape eyes) is Internet slang for dull, expressionless, lifeless eyes.

PAGE 108
Tokyo Teleport Station is one station away from the Exhibition Center (Big Sight) Station on the Rinkai line. Both stations are on Odaiba, a man-made island in Tokyo Bay that's home to many large-scale entertainment and tourism facilities, including the Fuji TV building with its spherical observation room and the sixty-foot-tall Gundam giant robot statue shown on this page.

PAGE 108
Tomoko's imagination shows a scene from Volume 6 of the horror manga series *Hakaijuu*, where the spherical observation room on the Fuji TV building gets repurposed as a bomb to fight monsters.

PAGE 108
"Humans are like trash!" is a quote from the villain Muska in the Studio Ghibli animated film *Laputa: Castle in the Sky*.

PAGE 110
Lotti is a reference to the Chiba Lotte Marines baseball team, whose home stadium is QVC Marine Field.

PAGE 110
The **Gull Colle** logo used here is a parody of the title logo for the online card game *Kantai Collection*, or *~KanColle~*, mentioned earlier. The team mascot for the Marines is a seagull.

PAGE 114
2:50 is a reference to Japanese male comedian Egoshira 2:50, who usually performs wearing only black skintight pants like those here.

PAGE 116
"I have to get her knocked up!" is a reference to a September 2013 2channel thread "Name any characters about whom you distinctly remember feeling, 'I-I have to get her knocked up!'—No trolling!" One of the responses was Mokocchi!

PAGE 116
"I'd invite you to a tea party" is a reference to a scandal that broke in August 2014 over Osaka Diet member Kei Yamamoto having invited middle school girls via LINE, an Internet messaging service, to a "tea party" at his office. Komi's response, *"Kimoin da yo,"* is a related reference to entertainer Terry Itou's comment on the incident on the morning show *SUKKIRI*: *"Koitsu kimoi mon!"* ("This guy's creepy!")

PAGE 116
KOMI STYLE is a take on AYA STYLE, a pinup calendar featuring famous voice actress Aya Hirano, in which she wore her bikini top upside down.

PAGE 119
Pocari is a reference to Pocari Sweat, seen written on the bottle later as "Pocali." This is a popular Japanese mild sports drink.

PAGE 119
"This is no time to be buried in sand!!" is a reference to an image meme of a panda leaping over a barrier with the caption "This is no time to be eating bamboo!!"

PAGE 120
The **odd-looking sun** is drawn to look like the Stand Sun, from "Stardust Crusaders," the third arc of the manga series *JoJo's Bizarre Adventure*.

PAGE 121
Nanpa is the Japanese word for a man hitting on a woman. A **reverse pickup**, or *gyaku* (literally "opposite") *nan*, is when a woman hits on a man.

PAGE 131
The **danger of talking to oneself in the mirror** meme came from "Gestalt Breakdown," a Japanese scary story that went viral. It was first published on the web around 2010. In it, the author mentions learning about this supposed experiment conducted by the Nazis, in which subjects were made to say, "Who are you?" and talk to their reflections daily, eventually going mad. The story details the frightening effects of this behavior on the author's friend who tries it himself and ends with the question, "Am I really me?"

PAGE 132
Akahata56 Jam is a parody of the real brand Aohata55.

PAGE 132
DoubleSo is a reference to the brand name DoubleSoft.

PAGE 136
Wall-bang, or *kabe-don*, is a term that has recently been used for supposedly romantic situations, where a guy hits his arm against the wall next to a girl as a way to corner her, either possessively or hostilely. This technique is better known as a way to indicate displeasure at a noisy neighbor, hence Tomoki's comment that he's already done it to Tomoko.

PAGE 138
Miyaneya is a news and information program broadcast weekday afternoons on Yomiuri TV.

PAGE 138
AcKA's arrest refers to a member of the Japanese pop duo Chage & Aska, who was arrested on May 17, 2014, for suspected possession of illegal stimulants. The incident mentioned in the sidenote would have been back in 2009, when Chage & Aska announced an "indefinite suspension" of group activities, after being together for thirty years.

PAGE 139
These two comic strips refer to an **incident** in summer 2014 involving Square Enix and the manga series *High Score Girl* by Rensuke Oshikiri.

VAMPIRE

A legendary immortal being that drinks the blood of humans.

Likes the blood of virgins.

Hates the blood of sluts.

NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT IT, IT'S YOU GUYS' FAULT I'M NOT POPULAR! ❼

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